

MAHATHIR - LICENCE

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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 17 (BERNAMA) — THE CABINET HAS NEVER APPROVED ANY APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO HOLD GREYHOUND RACES IN THE COUNTRY, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, SAID TODAY.

HE TOLD DELEGATES AT THE UMNO MALAYSIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE THAT THE CABINET HAD REJECTED AN APPLICATION FOR SUCH A LICENCE SOME TIME AGO.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MADE THESE EXPLANATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH LETTERS DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE DELEGATES CONCERNING AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION FROM THE KUALA SELANGOR UMNO DIVISION WHICH WAS REJECTED BY THE ASSEMBLY.

THE LETTERS ALLEGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD APPROVED A PERMIT TO HOLD DOG RACES IN THE COUNTRY. — BERNAMA MORE 1851/A1

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THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CALLED ON THE HEAD OF THE DIVISION, DATUK RAJA NASRON ISHAK, WHO DISTRIBUTED THE MOTION PAPER TO STATE THE SOURCE FROM WHICH HE GOT THE SO-CALLED INFORMATION.

DATUK RAJA NASRON STOOD UP AND REPLIED THAT HE GOT THE INFORMATION FROM A BUSINESSMAN.

HE SAID THE BUSINESSMAN WAS IN POSSESSION OF A LETTER STATING THAT THE CABINET HAD APPROVED THE APPLICATION FOR THE LICENCE.

AFTER HEARING DATUK RAJA NASRON'S EXPLANATION, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NEVER APPROVED SUCH A PERMIT.

HE SAID THE LETTER WITH THE BUSINESSMAN WAS NEVER SENT BY THE CABINET AND ADDED THAT HE WOULD ASK HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER, TAN SRI GHAZALI SHAFIE, TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE CULPRITS RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUING THE LETTER. — BERNAMA MORE 1854/A1
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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT UMNO MEMBERS SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL WHEN MAKING ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE LEADERSHIP AND THE PARTY.

HE REMINDED THE DELEGATES THAT HEALTHY AND CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM WOULD BENEFIT THE PARTY BUT WILD ACCUSATIONS WOULD ONLY DESTROY IT.

+THE ASSEMBLY IS ADMITTEDLY THE RIGHT PLACE FOR MEMBERS TO CRITICISE MINISTERS, BUT MEMBERS SHOULD BE MORE RESPONSIBLE AND DISCIPLINED IN MAKING THEIR ALLEGATIONS, + HE ADDED.

+ALLEGATIONS WHICH ARE WITHOUT FOUNDATION OR SUBSTANCE WOULD ONLY LEAD TO ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES.+

HE SAID UMNO'S ENEMIES WOULD EXPLOIT THESE WILD ALLEGATIONS AND USE THEM AGAINST THE PARTY. —BERNAMA MORE 1855/MD

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT AS A PARTY UPHOLDING THE CONCEPT OF ISLAM, UMNO ALWAYS ACTED AGAINST GROUPS THAT TRIED TO MANIPULATE ISLAMIC TEACHINGS.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID ISLAM COULD NOT BE MANIPULATED TO SUIT THE INTERESTS OF ANY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER, SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS STRIVING TO DEVELOP THE LOCAL FILM INDUSTRY.

LAWS RELATING TO THE INDUSTRY WOULD BE STREAMLINED, HE SAID. — BERNAMA MORE 1908/A1

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THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, DATUK HAJI KAMARUDDIN MOHAMAD ISA, REFUTED ALLEGATIONS THAT THERE WAS NO ORDINATION AMONG RELIGIOUS COUNCILS IN THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ISLAMIC AFFAIRS HELPED TO CO-ORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF RELIGIOUS COUNCILS.

HE HOPED THAT COUNCILS WHICH HAD NOT AFFILIATED THEMSELVES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WOULD DO SO.

DATUK SERI HAJI KAMARUDDIN SAID A MISSIONARY MONTH CAMPAIGN WOULD BE LAUNCHED BY PRIME MINISTER DATUK HUSSEIN ONN NEXT YEAR.

—BERNAMA 1954/MD