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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 23^h (BERNAMA)—THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO AMEND CONDITIONS FOR ELECTION CANDIDATES EITHER FOR PARLIAMENTARY OR STATE ASSEMBLIES, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TOLD THE DEWAN NEGARA TODAY.

HE SAID THAT THERE WERE PROVISIONS IN THE FEDERAL AND STATE CONSTITUTIONS BARRING PEOPLE FOUND GUILTY BY COURTS FROM BECOMING MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT OR STATE ASSEMBLIES.

HE SAID, THOSE WERE PEOPLE FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO NOT LESS THAN A YEAR'S JAIL OR FINED NOT LESS THAN \$2,000.

HE WAS REPLYING TO SENATOR HAJJAH TOM SAODAH HAJI OTHMAN.

ON DETAINEES, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THEY WERE ALLOWED TO CONTEST BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT YET SENTENCED.

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HE SAID, UNDER THE HUMAN RIGHTS GUARANTEE BY THE CONSTITUTION A PERSON IS NOT GUILTY UNLESS PROVEN OTHERWISE.

HE ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS NOT TRUE THAT A PERSON WHO HAVE BEEN BANISHED COULD BECOME AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE.

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