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KUALA LUMPUR, 1 DIS (BERNAMA) — DATUK HUSSEIN ONN BERADA DI LUAR NEGERI KERANA BER-CUTI SELAMA DUA MINGGU, DEMIKIAN MENURUT SEORANG PEGAWAI PEJABAT PERDANA MENTERI HARI INI.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD MEMANGKU JAWATAN PERDANA MENTERI SEMASA KETIADAAN DATUK HUSSEIN. —BERNAMA 1747/BY
MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, DEC. 1 (BERNAMA) — DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S BELIEFS IN A MULTI-RELIGIOUS SOCIETY LIKE MALAYSIA.

REFERRING TO THE SUSPENSION OF THE TAMIL MALAR FOR AN ARTICLE CRITICAL OF ISLAM, THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER SAID HE DID NOT WANT A RECURRENCE OF SUCH A THING.

DATUK HUSSEIN ONN IS ON LEAVE OVERSEAS.

+THERE ARE SEVERAL RELIGIOUS PRACTISED IN THIS COUNTRY AND TO RUN DOWN ANOTHER PERSON'S RELIGION IS BAD, + HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE THIRD FAR EAST CONFERENCE ON THE ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY INDUSTRY HERE.

HE WAS GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE NEWSPAPER'S PUBLISHERS WERE NOW TALKING WITH THE HOME MINISTRY IN RELATION TO THE ARTICLE.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON ENCIK LIM KIT SIANG'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WOULD RESIGN AS THE DAP SECRETARY-GENERAL, HE SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE OPPOSITION LEADER WOULD GO THROUGH WITH IT. — BERNAMA MORE

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HE BELIEVED THAT ENCIK LIM'S MAIN REASON FOR MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS TO GET RID OF THOSE WITHIN THE PARTY WHO OPPOSED HIM.

ENCIK LIM ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION OVER THE WEEKEND, SAYING A 'MALICIOUS CAMPAIGN' HAD BEEN CONDUCTED AGAINST HIM FOLLOWING THE DEFEAT OF THE DAP CANDIDATE IN THE RECENT PENGKALAN KOTA BY-ELECTION.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER, SAID THE HEAVY INDUSTRIES CORPORATION HAD BEEN REGISTERED AND IT WAS NOW STUDYING VARIOUS PROJECTS, ALL OF THEM AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

A TOTAL OF \$125 MILLION HAD BEEN ALLOCATED FOR NEXT YEAR TO THE CORPORATION, HEADED BY MIDA CHAIRMAN DATUK JAMIL JAN. MORE WOULD BE PROVIDED IF THE NEED AROSE.

ON THE NEW TARIFF FOR ELECTRICITY, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOW STUDYING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCOUNTS FROM SEVERAL COMPANIES.

IN ANNOUNCING THE NEW TARIFF IN OCTOBER, THE MINISTER OF ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POST, DATUK LEO MOGGIE, SAID A 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT WOULD BE GIVEN TO MANUFACTURERS WHOSE POWER CONSUMPTION ACCOUNTED FOR MORE THAN 25 PER CENT OF PRODUCTION COSTS AND WHO SOLD AT LEAST 60 PER CENT OF THEIR PRODUCTS TO THE LOCAL MARKET.

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