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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 7⁸¹ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD PLANS TO GIVE UP HIS POST AS HEAD OF THE PERAK UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HIS DECISION ON THE MATTER WOULD BE ANNOUNCED AT THE NEXT UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF DECEMBER.

DATUK DR. SERI MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT, WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER CHAIRING TODAY'S UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING AT THE PARTY HEADQUARTERS HERE.

HE SAID HIS PLACE WOULD BE TAKEN OVER BY THE DEPUTY PERAK UMNO LIAISON HEAD, MENTRI BESAR DATUK SERI WAN MOHAMED WAN TEH.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE WISHED TO RELINQUISH THE POST AS THE MINOR POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN THE STATE HAD ABATED.

—BERNAMA MORE 1659/AN

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HE TOOK OVER THE REIGNS OF THE PERAK UMNO AND BARISAN NASIONAL LEADERSHIP IN MAY 1978 FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF TAN SRI GHAZALI JAWI AS MENTRI BESAR.

POLITICAL SOURCES SAID THAT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WANTED TO STEP DOWN AS PERAK UMNO LIAISON HEAD BECAUSE THE CRISIS AMONG THE STATE PARTY LEADERS, INCLUDING AT THE PARIT BUNTAR UMNO DIVISON, HAD BEEN RESOLVED.

HOWEVER, THE PRIME MINISTER DID NOT MENTION WHETHER HE WOULD RELINQUISH HIS POST AS THE STATE BARISAN NASIONAL LEADER.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID HE WOULD BE GIVING UP HIS POST AS PAHANG UMNO LIAISON HEAD +SOMEDAY+ BUT COULD NOT SAY EXACTLY WHEN.

HE TOOK OVER THE POST FROM FORMER LAW MINISTER DATUK SERI HAMZAH ABU SAMAH WHO RESIGNED THE POST ON HEALTH GROUNDS. --
BERNAMA MORE 1707/A1

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT NEXT YEAR'S UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BE HELD FOR THREE DAYS BEGINNING JUNE 18.

THE WANITA UMNO AND UMNO YOUTH GENERAL ASSEMBLIES WOULD BE HELD ON JUNE 17.

HE SAID THAT TODAY'S MEETING ALSO AGREED TO HOLD A TWO-DAY COURSE ON UMNO'S ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ISLAM BEGINNING NOV. 27 HERE.

THIS WAS BECAUSE THE PARTY LEADERSHIP FELT THAT MANY UMNO MEMBERS WERE NOT WELL-VERSED WITH UMNO'S ROLE IN THIS ASPECT.

TO BE ORGANISED BY THE PARTY'S RELIGIOUS BUREAU, IT WOULD BE A CLOSE-DOOR AFFAIR. -- BERNAMA MORE 1725/A1

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IT WOULD BE OPENED BY DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR AND CLOSED BY HIS DEPUTY, DATUK MUSA HITAM.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID UMNO HAD CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROPAGATE ISLAM AND THIS WAS NOT TO COMPETE WITH PAS.

PAS WAS A SECONDARY MATTER, HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT UMNO LEADERS REALISED THEIR ROLE IN THE PROPAGATION OF ISLAM.

HE SAID THE COURSE WAS TO GIVE THE TRUE PICTURE OF ISLAM, AS THERE WERE DEVIATIONS IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELIGION WHICH MUST BE CORRECTED.

ASKED WHETHER THE MEETING TODAY DISCUSSED THE DATE FOR THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION, HE SAID THE DATE HAD NOT BEEN FIXED BUT UMNO WAS PREPARED TO FACE IT AT ANY TIME.

--BERNAMA 1751/AN