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MAHATHIR-SALARY
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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC. 5 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) SAID TODAY HE WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE INTERESTS OF THE MINISTERS AND THE PEOPLE BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO CUT HIS PAY AND THAT OF THE CABINET MEMBERS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, +I WANT TO BE FAIR TO ALL MINISTERS AND THE PEOPLE BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION.+

HE WAS COMMENTING ON THE CALL BY CUEPACS ON HIM NOT TO GO AHEAD WITH HIS PROPOSAL TO REDUCE HIS SALARY AND THAT OF CABINET MEMBERS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR RECENTLY SAID THAT HE WAS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF CUTTING HIS SALARY AND ALLOWANCES AND THOSE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MINISTERS, DEPUTY MINISTERS AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES.

HE REITERATED THAT HE WAS REVIEWING THE SALARY AND ALLOWANCE STRUCTURES OF MINISTERS, ADDING THAT +I DID NOT SAY I WOULD BE CUTTING THE SALARY OR ALLOWANCE.+ --BERNAMA MORE 1647/1B

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+IF THERE IS ANY GOOD REASON TO CUT MY SALARY AND ALLOWANCE AND THE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES OF MINISTERS, I WILL DO SO,+ DATUK SERI MAHATHIR SAID.

THE SAME CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE CUEPACS DEMAND FOR HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOR CIVIL SERVANTS BELOW THE SUPERSCALE G.

+IF I COULD I WOULD, BUT IF NOT, I WOULD NOT GIVE,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE HAD MET SEVERAL EUROPEANS FROM A SOCIALIST COUNTRY WHO SAID THEY WISHED THEY COULD STAY IN MALAYSIA IN VIEW OF GOVERNMENT'S GENEROSITY IN OFFERING ATTRACTIVE SALARY TO ITS EMPLOYEES.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AN APPLICATION FROM THE SABAH STATE GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW BERJAYA AND USNO TO CONTEST AGAINST EACH OTHER IN THE GENERAL ELECTION THOUGH BOTH THE PARTIES ARE IN BARISAN NASIONAL. -- BERNAMA MORE 17-8/ZCM

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD TO LOOK INTO THE APPLICATION SO THAT IT WOULD NOT RESULT IN A DEPARTURE OF THE PRINCIPLES SET BY THE BARISAN NASIONAL.

+I DO NOT WANT TO DO SOMETHING THAT WOULD AFFECT THE WORKINGS OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA 1710/ZCM