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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 10⁸¹ (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY PAS CAN RE-APPLY TO JOIN THE BARISAN NASIONAL IF IT IS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL CAUSES.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT AND BN CHAIRMAN, SAID THE BN'S DOOR WAS ALWAYS OPEN TO ANY PARTY THAT WISHED TO JOIN THE BN CAUSES.

PAS NEEDED ONLY THE AGREEMENT OF THE BN SUPREME COUNCIL TO RETURN TO THE BN FOLD, HE ADDED TO REPORTERS AFTER CHAIRING THE SECOND UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING HERE.

HE SAID HOWEVER THAT THE MATTER WAS NOT DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

HE SAID THERE WAS NO NECESSITY FOR THE BN TO SET UP DISCUSSIONS WITH PAS ON THE SUBJECT AND THAT SO FAR, THERE WERE NO OFFICIAL CONTACTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MATTER BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. -- BERNAMA 1643/YF