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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 17 (BERNAMA) — (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR'S STATEMENT YESTERDAY THAT THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL'S DECISION IS A COLLECTIVE ONE IS NOT MEANT TO CONVEY THE PICTURE THAT THE STATEMENT IS SIDING ANY GROUP WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE PARTY.

A STATEMENT FROM THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE SAID HERE TONIGHT THAT WHAT WAS STATED BY DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, AS UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT, IS TO THE EXTENT THAT EVERY DECISION OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL IS COLLECTIVELY MADE.

CLARIFYING NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF THE STATEMENT BY DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, THE STATEMENT SAID DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR'S REMARKS WAS NEVER MEANT TO TOUCH ON ANY PERSONALITY.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE:—

+ACCORDING TO REPORTS PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPERS ON JUNE 17, 1981, REGARDING THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH REPORTERS, IT IS HEREBY STATED THAT WHAT WAS SAID BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IS THAT EVERY DECISION TAKEN IN THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING IS A COLLECTIVE DECISION AND THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, AS UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT DID NOT MEAN TO GIVE THE PICTURE THAT HIS STATEMENT IS TO SIDE ANY GROUP WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE PARTY.

+WHAT WAS SAID BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, AS UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT IS ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT EVERY DECISION BY THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL IS A COLLECTIVE DECISION.

+IT IS HOPED THAT NEWSPAPERS WILL CORRECT THE NEWS PUBLISHED WHICH RESULTED FROM THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH REPORTERS. HIS STATEMENT NEVER MEANT TO TOUCH ON ANY PERSONALITY.+ — BERNAMA 2106/LK