

UMNO-PRESIDENT

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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 26⁸¹ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WAS TODAY OFFICIALLY DECLARED UMNO MALAYSIA'S FIFTH PRESIDENT TO SUCCEED DATUK HUSSEIN ONN WHO DID NOT CONTEST IN THE PARTY ELECTIONS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS RETURNED UNOPPOSED TO THE POST WHEN NOMINATIONS CLOSED ON JUNE 9.

UMNO PERMANENT CHAIRMAN, DATUK HAJI SULAIMAN NINAM SHAH, MADE THE OFFICIAL DECLARATION AT THE CLOSE OF TODAY'S SESSION OF THE THREE-DAY UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT THE NIRWANA BALLROOM OF HILTON HOTEL HERE.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MET WITH APPLAUSE FROM DELEGATES PRESENT.

DATUK SULAIMAN NINAM SHAH WAS EARLIER RE-ELECTED TO THE POST, POLLING 794 VOTES AGAINST ENCIK MELAN ABDULLAH'S 304. -- BERNAMA
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