

KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 22 (BERNAMA) — THE NATIONAL ACTION COUNCIL WILL BE REVIVED AFTER HARI RAYA, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THIS WAS ONE OF THE APPROACHES HIS CABINET WOULD TAKE TO HEIGHTEN THE EFFECTS OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION.

FOR A START, THE COUNCIL WOULD MEET FORTNIGHTLY. ITS MEMBERS WOULD INCLUDE THE PRIME MINISTER AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD MONITOR THE WORK OF ALL MINISTRIES, AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND BODIES FROM TIME TO TIME.

THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD REPORTERS THIS AFTER CHAIRING THE FIRST MEETING OF HIS CABINET HERE LASTING MORE THAN THREE HOURS.

HIS DEPUTY, DATUK MUSA HITAM, WAS PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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DURING THE FIRST HOUR OF THE MEETING, THE PRIME MINISTER BRIEFED THE CABINET MEMBERS OF WHAT HE EXPECTED OF THEM IN TERMS OF ATTITUDE AND PERFORMANCE TO KEEP UP WITH THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY.

THIS PART OF THE MEETING WAS SO SECRET THAT EVEN THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT, TAN SRI HASHIM AMAN, DID NOT ATTEND, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES WOULD KNOW LATER WHETHER THE GUIDELINES AND APPROACHES HE PRESENTED TODAY HAD SUCCEEDED.

ASKED HOW MUCH TIME HE HAD GIVEN HIS MINISTERS TO SHOW RESULTS, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID: +GIVE US ONE YEAR.+

+IT IS UP TO THE PEOPLE TO ASSESS THE PERFORMANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT UNDER THE NEW CABINET.+ HE ADDED. — BERNAMA MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID: +I WISH TO STRESS HERE THAT MY CABINET HAS NO LABEL, IT IS NOT A DEVELOPMENT-ORIENTED CABINET OR A PEOPLE-ORIENTED CABINET OR A CABINET WITH OTHER LABELS.+

HE STRESSED THAT WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS THAT HIS CABINET SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THINGS DONE AND THE PEOPLE COULD SEE THE RESULTS.

ASKED IF HIS DEPUTY, DATUK MUSA, WOULD SPEND MORE TIME ON THE DAILY ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTRY, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IT WAS HOPED THAT DATUK MUSA WOULD DO THAT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID: +WHEN I WAS THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, I HAD CONCERNED MYSELF WITH THE DAY TO DAY RUNNING OF THE COUNTRY.+

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