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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 30 (BERNAMA) — THE GOVERNMENT TODAY LIFTED THE BAN ON DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD'S BOOK MALAY DILEMMA+ PUBLISHED 11 YEARS AGO.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK MUSA HITAM, WHO IS ALSO HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE BAN ON THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE BOOK IN THE COUNTRY HAD BEEN LIFTED.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY DATUK MUSA AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE RELEASE OF 21 ISA DETAINEES HERE.

THE 188-PAGE BOOK WAS PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED BY FEDERAL PUBLICATIONS IN SINGAPORE WHERE IT HAS BEEN ON SALE SINCE THE BAN.

FEDERAL PUBLICATIONS, ACCORDING TO ITS SPOKESWOMAN HERE, WAS UNAWARE OF THE LIFTING OF THE BAN.

SHE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE BOOKS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO BOOK STORES HERE ONCE THEY ARRIVED FROM SINGAPORE.

THE NEWS ALSO TOOK LOCAL BOOKSTORES BY SURPRISE. — BERNAMA