

HUSSEIN - POST  
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KUALA LUMPUR, JAN 22<sup>87</sup> (BERNAMA) - FORMER PRIME MINISTER TUN HUSSEIN ONN HAS AGREED TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SERVICE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD ANNOUNCED HERE TONIGHT.

TUN HUSSEIN HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO BECOME ADVISER TO PETRONAS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC STUDIES TO BE SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT SOON.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER ORGANISED BY UMNO MALAYSIA IN HONOUR OF TUN HUSSEIN HERE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE FUNCTION OF THE INSTITUTE WAS TO STUDY THE WORLD SITUATION SO THAT MALAYSIA WOULD UNDERSTAND THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND DRAW UP POLICIES TO MEET THEM.

HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS HAPPY AND PROUD THAT TUN HUSSEIN HAD ACCEPTED THE INVITATION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SERVICE.

HE SAID THAT HE HAD SENT A LETTER TO TUN HUSSEIN WITH THE REQUESTS LAST WEEK.

TUN HUSSEIN, IN HIS REPLY RECEIVED THIS MORNING, SAID HE ACCEPTED THE OFFERS AND WAS PREPARED TO HOLD THE TWO POSTS.--BERNAMA 2255/HM.

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD PROPOSED THAT HIS PREDECESSOR TUN HUSSEIN ONN RETURN TO PUBLIC SERVICE AS THE PEOPLE STILL NEEDED HIS SERVICES AND IDEAS.

HE SAID TUN HUSSEIN'S RETURN TO PUBLIC SERVICE WOULD BE GREATLY WELCOMED AS MALAYSIA DID NOT HAVE THAT MANY PEOPLE WHO WERE EXPERIENCED IN ADMINISTRATION.

PRESENT AT THE DINNER WERE DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH, TOH PUAN HAJJAH SUHAILA, TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN AND FORMER YANG DIPERTUA NEGERI OF PENANG, TUN HAJI SARDON JUBIR.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT HIS PROPOSAL WAS NOT AIMED AT BURDENING TUN HUSSEIN BUT BECAUSE HE BELIEVED THAT AS A PERSON USED TO WORKING TUN HUSSEIN WOULD FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE AND UNEASY IF HE HAD NO DAILY TASK TO PERFORM.--BERNAMA MORE 2340/HM

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HUSSEIN - POST 3 KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR DESCRIBED HIS FORMER +BOSS+ AS A MAN WITH A SENSE OF FAIRNESS AND HE WAS FORTUNATE TO BE SELECTED AS TUN HUSSEIN'S DEPUTY.

WORKING WITH TUN HUSSEIN, HE SAID, WAS EASY BECAUSE GENERALLY TUN HUSSEIN DID NOT INTERFERE WITH THE WORK OF HIS SUBORDINATES.

+HE HAD SAID THAT THOSE SELECTED FOR ANY POST MUST PLAN AND CARRY OUT THEIR TASKS ON THEIR OWN AND ONLY WHEN PROBLEMS CROP UP SHOULD THEY REFER THEM TO HIM,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

+THIS METHOD MIGHT NOT BE LIKED BY THOSE WHO LIKE TO DEPEND ON THEIR SUPERIORS BUT FOR ME THIS IS MOST SUITABLE FOR WORKING,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, SAID THE PEOPLE WOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER TUN HUSSEIN AS A TRUE STATESMAN WHO HELD FIRM TO HIS PRINCIPLES.--BERNAMA MORE 2345/HM

N132 (F)

HUSSEIN - POST 4 KUALA LUMPUR

BECAUSE OF HIS ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLES, UMNO HAD MANAGED TO RESOLVE CRISES FACED BY THE PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT DURING HIS LEADERSHIP, HE ADDED.

THAT HIS UPHOLDING OF PRINCIPLES EARNED THE RESPECT OF THE PEOPLE WAS EVIDENT WHEN DURING THE 1978 GENERAL ELECTION THE BARISAN NASIONAL ACHIEVED AN OUTSTANDING VICTORY, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

OTHER THAN THE ALLIANCE VICTORY IN THE FIRST ELECTIONS IN 1955, THE 1978 VICTORY WAS THE BEST BY THE BARISAN WHICH INHERITED THE PLACE OF THE ALLIANCE.

BESIDES EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR TUN HUSSEIN'S SERVICES TO THE PARTY SINCE 1946, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SPOKE OF THE DEEDS OF TUN HUSSEIN'S LATE FATHER, DATUK ONN JAAFAR, WHO FOUNDED UMNO.

THE UMNO PRESIDENT ALSO SAID THAT TUN HUSSEIN HAD BECOME THE SYMBOL OF UNITY IN UMNO AND THE BARISAN. -- BERNAMA MORE 2350/HM

N133 (F)

HUSSEIN - POST 5 KUALA LUMPUR

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID TONIGHT'S FUNCTION SHOULD SERVE AS A REMINDER TO THE CALLS BY TUN HUSSEIN REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITY.

THE QUESTION OF UNITY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE MAIN FACTOR FOR THE FUTURE OF MALAYSIA AND EVERY LEADER IN THE BARISAN NASIONAL SHOULD REALISE THE NEED TO MAINTAIN UNITY IN A MULTIRACIAL COMMUNITY.

IN THIS REGARD, EVERYONE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THE ENEMY WAS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO DIVIDE THE PEOPLE AND ISSUES TO CREATE MISUNDERSTANDING.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT TUN HUSSEIN WAS ALSO KNOWN AS A PERSON WHO WAS VERY CAREFUL ABOUT ANY ISSUE AND THIS SHOULD BECOME AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL PARTIES IN THE BARISAN NASIONAL.

--BERNAMA 2356/HM