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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 15 (BERNAMA) -- ALL NEWLY-APPOINTED MINISTERS, DEPUTY MINISTERS AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES HAVE TO DECLARE THEIR ASSETS, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THE SAME RULING APPLIED TO ALL NEW STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS RETURNED IN THE GENERAL ELECTION LAST MONTH.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAD MADE THEIR DECLARATION IN THE PAST NEED NOT RE-DECLARE IF THEIR FIRST DECLARATION WAS MADE LESS THAN A YEAR AGO.

+HOWEVER IF THE DECLARATION WAS MADE A YEAR OR MORE AGO, THEY NEED TO MAKE A FRESH DECLARATION IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S REQUIREMENT OF A DECLARATION MADE ONCE EVERY YEAR, + HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER CHAIRING AN UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING AT THE PARTY HEADQUARTERS HERE.

HE DISCLOSED THAT THE EMPHASIS ON THE NEED FOR ASSETS TO BE DECLARED WOULD BE AMONG MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT UP IN THE SERIES OF MEETINGS BETWEEN HIM AND STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS NEXT WEEK. --BERNAMA MORE 1724/AH

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THE FIRST OF THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD WITH PERAK STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AT HIS OFFICE IN PARLIAMENT BUILDING.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE MEETING WAS ALSO AIMED AT COORDINATING STATE - AND CENTRAL - LEVEL GOVERNMENT POLICIES.

THE MEETING WOULD ALSO DISCUSS PROBLEMS IN STATE AND CENTRAL RELATIONS AND CLARIFY CERTAIN LINES OF ACTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY STATE GOVERNMENTS.

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