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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 15 (BERNAMA) - DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, TODAY EXPRESSED HIS FEELING OF FUTILITY IN INVITING PAS TO REJOIN THE BARISAN NASIONAL IN VIEW OF THE COOL RESPONSE FROM THE LEADERS OF THAT PARTY.

+I AM TIRED OF HAVING TO REPLY TO QUESTIONS AS TO WHEN I WOULD INVITE PAS TO REJOIN THE BARISAN NASIONAL,+ HE SAID WHEN REPLYING TO A QUERY FROM A REPORTER ON THE MATTER AFTER CHAIRING AN UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING HERE.

HE SAID THAT HE HAD INVITED PAS TO REJOIN THE BARISAN NASIONAL ON UMEROUS OCCASIONS BUT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SUCH INVITATIONS WERE ONLY ONE-SIDED AFFAIRS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD ON TWO OCCASIONS OPENLY INVITED PAS TO REJOIN THE BARISAN NASIONAL BUT THE OFFERS WERE REJECTED BY PAS LEADERS.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT MANY PAS MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS HAD JOINED UMNO, HE SAID THAT IF ALL THE PAS MEMBERS AND LEADERS JOINED UMNO, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM.--BERNAMA 1733/AH