

MOKHTAR - ARREST 'R'R'R'
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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 10⁸² (BERNAMA) - CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER DATUK MOKHTAR HASHIM WAS ARRESTED EARLY TODAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE KILLING OF FORMER NEGRI SEMBILAN STATE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER DATUK TAHA TALIB.

A STATEMENT ISSUED BY PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) SAYS THAT DATUK MOKHTAR WAS DETAINED AT 1.35 A.M.

THE STATEMENT SAYS THAT DATUK MOKHTAR WILL BE PRODUCED IN THE TAMPIN MAGISTRATE'S COURT THIS MORNING TOGETHER WITH FOUR OTHERS ON CHARGES UNDER THE PENAL CODE. - MORE 0935/BW

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THE STATEMENT DOES NOT MENTION THE NAMES OF THE OTHER FOUR. DATUK MOKHTAR, 40, WAS ARRESTED UNDER A WARRANT OF ARREST ISSUED BY THE TAMPIN MAGISTRATE.

THE FIVE WILL BE CHARGED UNDER SECTION 302 OF THE PENAL CODE. THE SECTION DEALS WITH PRE-MEDITATED MURDER FOR WHICH THOSE FOUND GUILTY ARE LIABLE TO BE SENTENCED TO DEATH.

FOLLOWING IS THE STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER:

+AT 1.35 A.M. TODAY POLICE ENFORCED THE WARRANT OF ARREST ISSUED BY THE TAMPIN MAGISTRATE ON DATUK MOKHTAR HAJI HASHIM IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER CASE OF DATUK TAHA TALIB, FORMER SPEAKER OF THE NEGRI SEMBILAN STATE ASSEMBLY IN GEMENCHEH ON APRIL 14.

+DATUK MOKHTAR WILL BE PRODUCED IN THE TAMPIN MAGISTRATE'S COURT THIS MORNING TOGETHER WITH FOUR OTHERS UNDER SECTION 302 OF THE PENAL CODE.+ --BERNAMA 1000/OM