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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 10 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD STRESSED THE NEED TODAY FOR THE NEWLY-ELECTED UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA UMNO LEADERSHIP TO WORK TOGETHER AS ONE TEAM IN THE INTEREST OF UMNO.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT SOLIDARITY WAS VITAL FOR THE PARTY'S STRUGGLE FOR THE GOOD OF THE NATION AND PEOPLE.

+AS UMNO PRESIDENT I DO NOT TAKE SIDES BUT I FEEL THAT EVERYONE, INCLUDING THOSE WHO WON OR LOST, SHOULD WORK TOGETHER AS ONE TEAM,+ HE SAID WHEN COMMENTING ON THE UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA UMNO ELECTIONS HERE.

ON THE DEFEAT OF DATUK HAJI SUHAIMI DATUK KAMARUDDIN WHO WAS SEEKING RE-ELECTION AS UMNO YOUTH LEADER, HE SAID DATUK SUHAIMI WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A PART OF THE TEAM IN THE GOVERNMENT BUT IN OTHER ROLES.

+DATUK SUHAIMI IS STILL A DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID WHEN ASKED ABOUT DATUK SUHAIMI'S POSITION. -- MORE 1505/MK

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID HE WAS HAPPY WITH THE ELECTION PROCESS WHICH WENT ON SMOOTHLY.

HE ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHETHER ENCIK ANWAR WOULD BE ABLE TO DISPLAY THE LEADERSHIP IN LINE WITH THE CONCEPT OF A CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY ADMINISTRATION.

+I MUST BE GIVEN TIME TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT HE, OF COURSE, WANTED TO SEE GOOD RESULTS AND HE WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE UMNO YOUTH IF THE MOVEMENT REQUIRED IT.

IN THIS CONNECTION, HE WOULD MEET THE MOVEMENT'S LEADERSHIP SOON. -- MORE 1506/MK

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HE ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE UMNO YOUTH TO FACE REALITY IN ALL THEIR ACTIONS.

HE REITERATED THAT THE MOVEMENT MUST LOOK TO ITS OWN RESOURCES AND NOT DEPEND ON OTHERS. -- BERNAMA 1508/MK