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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 21 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) WILL MOVE INTO HIS NEWLY-RENOVATED OFFICE IN JALAN DATUK ONN TOMORROW MORNING.

ALL HAS BEEN SET FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER WITH WORKMEN PUTTING THE FINAL TOUCHES TO HIS OFFICE.

'THERE WILL BE NO FANFARE TO MARK THE MOVING IN EXCEPT FOR A SMALL DOA SELAMAT CEREMONY TO BE ATTENDED BY STAFFERS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.' SPOKESMAN OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR AND HIS STAFF HAVE BEEN OPERATING FROM THE TOWER BLOCK OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE AFTER FIRE DAMAGED THEIR OFFICE BUILDING IN MAY LAST YEAR.

MOST OF HIS OFFICERS AND STAFF HAVE MOVED BACK TO JALAN DATUK ONN THE LAST TWO DAYS. -- MORE 1610/II

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ONLY THE PRIME MINISTER, HIS ADC AND BODYGUARDS WERE STILL AT PARLIAMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID MOST OF THE PM'S PERSONAL FILES WERE STILL IN THE PARLIAMENT OFFICE AND WOULD BE TRANSFERRED THIS EVENING OR TOMORROW MORNING.

THE PM'S RENOVATED OFFICE HAS THREE FLOORS WITH DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR OPERATING FROM THE TOPMOST FLOOR.

ALSO ON THE SAME FLOOR ARE THE CABINET ROOM AND THE OFFICES OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S POLITICAL SECRETARIES - MEGAT JUNID AYUB AND ENCIK AZIZ SHAMSUDDIN - AND CHIEF PRIVATE SECRETARY, DATUK AZIZAN ZAINAL ABIDIN.

THE MIDDLE FLOOR WILL HOUSE A LARGE MEETING ROOM AND TWO VIP LOUNGES TO RECEIVE FOREIGN DIGNITARIES AND OTHER GUESTS.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF INCLUDING THE PRESS SECTION WILL BE SITUATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR. -- BERNAMA 1613/II