

MAHATHIR-HOUSE

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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 20 (BERNAMA)--PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, WHO HAD EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT MOVING INTO HIS NEW OFFICIAL RESIDENCE WITHOUT POPULAR APPROVAL, WAS GIVEN RESOUNDING ENDORSEMENT OF THE MOVE BY THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE TODAY.

DELEGATES AT THE ASSEMBLY SUPPORTED THE MOVE WHEN THE QUESTION WAS POSED BY A DELEGATE FROM KEDAH, HAJI IBRAHIM AHMAD.

AFTER GETTING THE RESPONSE FROM THE FLOOR, HAJI IBRAHIM SAID: +OKAY DATUK SERI, YOU CAN NOW MOVE INTO YOUR HOUSE WITH OUR BLESSINGS.+

DELEGATES LAUGHED OVER THE REMARK BY HAJI IBRAHIM WHO WAS DEBATING A RESOLUTION ON ISLAM.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR TOLD THE PRESS RECENTLY THAT HE WOULD MOVE INTO HIS RESIDENCE, NOW UNDERGOING RENOVATION, ONLY WITH THE PEOPLE'S CONSENT.

HAJI IBRAHIM ALSO CRITICIZED AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY, THE STAR, FOR PUBLISHING REPORTS WHICH HE CLAIMED WERE AIMED AT PITTING MALAYS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER.

HE ALLEGED THAT THE NEWSPAPER WAS USING FORMER PRIME MINISTER TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN AS A FRONT FOR ITS +PLOYS.+ --BERNAMA 2002/MD