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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 21 (BERNAMA)--DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY HE HAD BROUGHT FORMER ABIM (NATIONAL MUSLIM YOUTH MOVEMENT) PRESIDENT ANWAR IBRAHIM INTO UMNO AND THE CABINET BECAUSE HE WANTED SOMEBODY WELL-VERSED IN ISLAM.

+I REGARD ANWAR AS HAVING DEEP KNOWLEDGE IN ISLAM, BUT IT SEEMS THERE ARE SOME WHO DO NOT AGREE WITH MY MOVE,+ HE SAID WHEN REPLYING TO POINTS RAISED BY DELEGATES AT THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE.

+YET IF ANOTHER PARTY TAKES HIM, WE ARE THE ONES WHO WILL AFRAID,+ HE SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET AND MENTERIS BESAR NOT TO USE TINTED GLASS FOR THEIR CAR.

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THIS WAS BECAUSE MINISTERS AND MENTERIS BE WERE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND PEOPLE WANTED TO SEE THOSE WHOM THEY HAD PUT IN OFFICE, HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT IT WAS DIFFERENT FOR ARMED FORCES TOP BRASS BECAUSE THEY DEALT WITH SECURITY.

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