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FROM IDZAN ISMAIL

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LIMBANG (SARAWAK), OCT. 27 (BERNAMA) DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR
MOHAMAD WANTS ALL COMPONENT PARTIES OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL TO
STRENGTHEN THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS THROUGH
NEGOTIATIONS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID BARISAN NASIONAL LEADERS SHOULD BE
RATINALE IN THEIR THINKING AND SHOULD PUT ASIDE ALL PERSONAL
INTERESTS AND RESPOND TO THE GOVERNMENT'S CALL TO DEVELOP THE
NATION.

+WE IN THE NATIONAL BARISAN NASIONAL MUST FORGET OUR DIFFERENCES
BUT SHOULD INSTEAD WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THE PARTY'S OBJECTIVE
TO ERADICATE POVERTY AND RESTRUCTURE SOCIETY SO THAT ALL RACIAL
DIFFERENCES WOULD NOT BE APPARENT,+ HE SAID AT A MEETING WITH THE
LOCAL COMMUNITY HERE TODAY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HOPED THAT SARAWAK LEADERS ESPECIALLY
WOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THE STATE AS PART OF MALAYSIA. -- MORE
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THE STATEMENT WAS IN APPARENT REFERENCE TO THE POLITICAL CRISIS
IN SARAWAK IN JULY FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF THREE MEMBERS OF
PARLIAMENT AND NINE STATE ASSEMBLYMEN FROM THE PARTI KEBANGSAAN
SARAWAK (SNAP).

THOSE WHO PROTESTED AGAINST THE EXPULSION OF ITS VICE-PRESIDENT,
ENCIK DANIEL TAJEM, IN JUNE LATER FORMED A BREAKAWAY PARTY,
PARTI BANSA DAYAK SARAWAK (PBDS), TO CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF THE
DAYAKS.

THE MISUNDERSTANDING LED TO SNAP LOSING 11 OF THE 15 STATE
SEATS AND FOUR OF THE SIX PARLIAMENTARY SEATS TO THE NEW PARTY.

DATUK LEO MOGGIE ALSO RESIGNED FROM SNAP TO LEAD THE PARTY.

TWO DAYS AGO, SARAWAK BARISAN NASIONAL HELD A MEETING TO DISCUSS
THE FORTHCOMING STATE ELECTION BUT IT FAILED TO RESOLVE
THE QUESTION OF DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS. -- MORE 2044/MB

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THERE ARE 43 STATE SEATS IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY OF WHICH 18 ARE
HELD BY THE PARTI PESAKA BUMIPUTERA SARAWAK BERSATU, (PBB), 11
BY THE PARTI RAKYAT BERSATU SARAWAK (SUPP), 11 BY PBDS, FIVE BY
SNAP AND INDEPENDENTS THREE. PBB, SUPP AND SNAP ARE COMPONENT
PARTIES OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL.

+WE MUST NOT THINK OF OUR SELF INTEREST ONLY BUT MUST REMEMBER
THAT WE REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNTRY AND NOT OUR
RESPECTIVE AREAS IN SARAWAK ONLY,+ HE SAID.

THE STATEMENT OF DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN
OF BARISAN NASIONAL, IS SEEN AS PERTINENT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT
IT WAS MADE IN THE STRONGHOLD OF SNAP PRESIDENT, DATUK JAMES
WONG, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT. -- MORE 2105/MB

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS PROUD TO NOTE THAT THE PEOPLE
IN SARAWAK HAD LIVED IN PEACE AND HARMONY AND HOPED THAT UNITY
AMONG THEM WOULD BE STRENGTHENED.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT WANT ANYONE FROM ANY STATE TO
BE LEFT BEHIND IN THE MAINSTREAM OF THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT.

HE REMINDED ALL MPS AND STATE ASSEMBLYMEN TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES
ENTRUSTED THEM SO THAT THEY WOULD BE REELECTED TO LEAD THE PEOPLE
IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES. -- BERNAMA 2114/MB