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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC 3 (BERNAMA) -- THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL TODAY GAVE ITS FULL MANDATE TO DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO RESOLVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ISSUE.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL ALSO NOTED THE STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND PARTY PRESIDENT AT THE DEWAN RAKYAT YESTERDAY WHICH EXPLAINED THE STEPS TAKEN SO FAR BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PARTY TO OVERCOME THE ISSUE.

A STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE END OF THE THREE-HOUR UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING HERE SAID: "THE COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS THE STEPS TAKEN SO FAR."

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TOLD REPORTERS AFTER CHAIRING THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING THAT ALL THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING ENDORSED WHATEVER STEPS TAKEN SO FAR BY THE PARTY AND LEADERSHIP TO RESOLVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ISSUE.

"THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AND THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE SUPREME COUNCIL WAS A JOINT CONSENSUS BY ALL THE COUNCIL MEMBERS," HE ADDED.

ONLY TWO OF THE 34 COUNCIL MEMBERS DID NOT ATTEND TODAY'S MEETING.

THEY ARE DATIN PADUKA ZALEHA ISMAIL AND DATUK SERI WAN MOHAMED WAN TEH WHO ARE OVERSEAS. -- MORE 1558/II
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THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING TODAY WAS BRIEFED ON THE MEETING BETWEEN THE SPECIAL PARTY DELEGATION AND THE RULERS AT ISTANA KAYANGAN IN SHAH ALAM ON NOV. 20 TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE.

THE STATEMENT SAID THE SUPREME COUNCIL TOOK NOTE OF THE FAILURE OF THE DELEGATION IN GETTING THE RULERS TO AGREE TO A FORMULA PRESENTED AT THE MEETING.

THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL WAS COGNIZANT THAT THE STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER THE SPECIAL MEETING WAS A STATEMENT PRESENTED BY THE UMNO DELEGATION AND CONSENTED TO BY THE RULERS.

THE COUNCIL NOTED THAT THE STATEMENT WAS PRESENTED BY THE SPECIAL UMNO EMISSARY, ENCIK GHAFAR BABA, IN ORDER TO PREVENT UNREST AMONG THE RAKYAT.

IN THE JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE RULERS AT THE END OF THAT MEETING, THE RULERS SAID THE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND FRESH PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY UMNO REQUIRED FURTHER CONSIDERATION. -- MORE 1650/II

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THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL STRESSED THAT THE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT ISSUE WERE MOTIVATED BY BELIEF IN A STABLE SYSTEM OF CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY.

+WE ARE GUIDED BY A FEELING OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE RACE, COUNTRY AND THE RULERS,+ THE STATEMENT SAID.

THE COUNCIL REITERATED THAT UMNO WAS THE ONLY POLITICAL PARTY THAT CHAMPIONED THE ISLAMIC CAUSE AND THE INTERESTS OF THE MALAYS PARTICULARLY, AND DEFENDED PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY AND CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY.

AT THE SAME TIME, UMNO ACKNOWLEDGED THE FACT THAT THE MALAY RULERS HAD TOGETHER WITH UMNO AND THE RAKYAT STRUGGLED FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF INDEPENDENCE IN 1957.

+AS SUCH, IN ALL SINCERITY, UMNO IS CONFIDENT THE IMPASSE CAN BE OVERCOME AMICABLY AS LONG AS ALL PARTIES ACCEPT THIS FACT AND PLACE THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE AND COUNTRY BEFORE EVERYTHING ELSE+.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL URGED ALL UMNO MEMBERS TO BE CALM AND UNDERSTAND THE ACTUAL SITUATION AND TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE LEADERSHIP TO FIND A SOLUTION. -- MORE 1735/PA
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ATTENTION EDITORS: CORRECTED REPETITION:

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THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL NOTED THE EXISTENCE OF CERTAIN GROUPS TRYING TO +FISH IN TROUBLED WATERS+.

+THESE IRRESPONSIBLE GROUPS HAVE DISTORTED THE FACTS REGARDING THE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS.

+SOME HAVE ADOPTED A DOUBLE-FACED WHILE OTHERS ACTED AS MASTERMINDS,+ THE STATEMENT ADDED. -- MORE 1738/PA
(ENDS CORRECTED REPETITION)

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FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE STATEMENT:-

1. THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL WHICH MET ON DEC. 3, 1983, WAS BRIEFED ON THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE PARTY'S SPECIAL DELEGATION AND THE RULERS AT AN AUDIENCE IN ISTANA KAYANGAN ON NOV. 20, 1983 IN ORDER TO SOLVE THE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT ISSUE. THE SPECIAL DELEGATION HAD FAILED TO OBTAIN THE AGREEMENT OF THE RULERS ON A FORMULA PRESENTED TO THEM. THE SUPREME COUNCIL TAKES NOTE OF THE FAILURE. THE SUPREME COUNCIL ALSO TAKES NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THE STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE END OF THE AUDIENCE WAS A STATEMENT PRESENTED BY THE SPECIAL DELEGATION AND ASSENTED TO BY THE RULERS. THE SUPREME COUNCIL TAKES NOTE THAT THE STATEMENT WAS PRESENTED BY THE DELEGATION LEADER, ENCIK GHAFAR BABA, IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION AMONG THE RAKYAT.

2. THE SUPREME COUNCIL TAKES NOTE OF THE STATEMENT OF THE UMNO PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER AT THE DEWAN RAKYAT ON DEC. 2 WHICH EXPLAINED THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PARTY SO FAR TO OVERCOME THE IMPASSE. THE SUPREME COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS THE STEPS. -- MORE 1730/PA
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3. THE SUPREME COUNCIL GIVES ITS FULL MANDATE TO THE UMNO PRESIDENT AND LEADERSHIP TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

4. THE SUPREME COUNCIL TAKES NOTE OF THE EXISTENCE OF CERTAIN GROUPS WHICH TRIED TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION FOR THEIR OWN ENDS. THESE IRRESPONSIBLE GROUPS HAVE DISTORTED THE FACTS REGARDING THE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT BILL FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS. SOME HAVE ADOPTED A DOUBLE-FACED STANCE WHILE OTHERS ACTED AS MASTERMINDS. AS SUCH THE SUPREME COUNCIL URGES UMNO MEMBERS TO REMAIN CALM AND TO UNDERSTAND THE ACTUAL SITUATION AND TO GIVE THEIR FULLEST SUPPORT TO THE LEADERSHIP TO FIND AN AMICABLE SOLUTION.

5. THE SUPREME COUNCIL STRESSES AGAIN THAT UMNO IS THE ONLY POLITICAL PARTY WHICH HAD STRUGGLED AND COULD CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE FOR THE CAUSE OF ISLAM AND FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE MALAYS IN PARTICULAR AND FOR THE DEFENCE OF PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY AND CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY.--MORE 1746/PA
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6. IN 1946, THE MALAY RULERS SIGNED THE MCMICHAEL AGREEMENT. WITH THAT THEY SURRENDERED THEIR POSITION, PRIVILEGES AND RESPECT TO THE BRITISH. IT WAS UMNO WHICH STRUGGLED TO RESTORE THE DIGNITY OF THE MALAY RACE AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE RULERS. HISTORY HAS PROVED THAT UMNO, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE MALAYS, HAD SUCCEEDED IN CHAMPIONING THE CAUSE OF ISLAM AND THE INTERESTS OF THE MALAYS IN PARTICULAR AND IN DEFENDING THE PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY AND CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY. AT THE SAME TIME UMNO ITSELF ACCEPTS THE FACT THAT THE MALAY RULERS HAD ALSO, TOGETHER WITH UMNO AND THE RAKYAT, STRUGGLED UNTIL THE COUNTRY ACHIEVED ITS INDEPENDENCE IN 1957.

7. AS SUCH WITH ALL SINCERITY, UMNO IS CONFIDENT THAT THE IMPASSE COULD BE OVERCOME AMICABLY SO LONG AS ALL PARTIES APPRECIATE THIS FACT AND PLACE THE INTERESTS OF THE RAKYAT AND COUNTRY BEFORE EVERYTHING ELSE. EFFORTS BEING TAKEN NOW WERE MOTIVATED BY THE BELIEF IN A STRONG SYSTEM OF CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY.

WE ARE GUIDED BY A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE RACE, COUNTRY AND THE RULERS. -- BERNAMA 1751/PA