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LABUAN, APRIL 13 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT FIVE INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FROM SABAH HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AS BARISAN NASIONAL MP'S.

THEY ARE ENCIK YUSOF YAAKOB (HILIRPADAS), ENCIK HASSAN ALBAN SANDUKONG (LABUK SUGUT), HAJI YAJAYA LAMPONG (KOTABELUT), ENCEK EFFENDI STEPHEN (MARUDU) AND ENCIK ABDILLAH ABDUL HAMID (SILAM).

THE PRIME MINISTER MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO REPORTERS AFTER THE BARISAN NASIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING WHICH MADE THE DECISION TO ACCEPT THEM INTO THE BARISAN.

THE FIVE MP'S ARE BERJAYA MEMBERS AND HAVE WON THEIR SEATS ON INDEPENDENT TICKETS IN THE 1982 ELECTIONS BY DEFEATING USNO CANDIDATES WHO CONTESTED ON THE BARISAN NASIONAL TICKET.

FOLLOWING THEIR ACTION, BARISAN NASIONAL DECIDED THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED TO REPRESENT THE BARISAN NASIONAL IN PARLIAMENT ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN REACCEPTED AS MEMBERS OF BERJAYA. - MORE 1940  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT THE MEETING HERE TODAY ALSO AGREED THAT THE NEXT BARISAN NASIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING BE HELD IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA.

HE SAID THAT BERJAYA HAD SUGGESTED THAT THE BARISAN NASIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL HOLD ITS MEETING IN SABAH AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR. IT WOULD NOT BE IN LABUAN WHICH WOULD NO LONGER BE PART OF SARAWAK THEN.

ON THE MCA CRISIS, HE SAID THAT THE CRISIS SHOULD BE SOLVED BY THE PARTY THEMSELVES, AND THE MCA HAD NOT SO FAR APPROACHED THE BARISAN NASIONAL TO MEDIATE IN THE CRISIS.

HE SAID THAT HE HAD MET FORMER MCA PRESIDENT DATUK LEE SAN CHOON WITH WHOM HE HAD ALSO DISCUSSED THE MCA PARTY CRISIS. - BERNAMA 1942