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PARITBUNTAR, APRIL 21 (BERNAMA)--PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR
MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS DIRECTED MINISTERS NOT TO ARBITRARILY APPROVE
THE TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

DATUK MUSA HITAM SAID THE DIRECTIVE WAS ISSUED IN THE INTEREST OF
PUBLIC SERVICES.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT COMPLAINTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED
THAT CERTAIN GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WERE GRANTED TRANSFERS BECAUSE THEIR
HUSBANDS OR WIVES WERE ACTIVE IN POLITICS.

GRANTING AN OFFICER A TRANSFER SO THAT THE SUPPORTER OF, A PARTY
LEADER, COULD WIN IN A BRANCH OR DIVISIONAL ELECTION WAS AN UNHEALTHY
PRACTICE, HE ADDED WHEN OPENING THE PARITBUNTAR UMNO DIVISION
DELEGATES' MEETING HERE.

THIS WAS ONE OF THE UNHEALTHY PRACTICES PERPETRATED BY CERTAIN
NATIONAL LEADERS OF UMNO TO GAIN INFLUENCE, HE SAID.

DATUK MUSA, WHO IS UMNO DEPUTY PRESIDENT, SAID THERE WERE ALSO
PARTY LEADERS WHO SPENT MONEY OR OFFERED LICENCES TO WIN
SUPPORT. --BERNAMA 1652/PA