

MAHATHIR-MCA

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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 9 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERH DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY HE WAS LEAVING IT TO ACTING MCA PRESIDENT DATUK DR. NEO YEE PAN AND THE OTHER FACTION LED BY ENCIK TAN KOON SWAN TO RESOLVE THE PARTY'S CURRENT CRISIS.

+WILL, THEY HAVE TO SOLVE IT THEMSELVES. IT'S THEIR OWN PROBLEM,+ STRESSED THE PRIME MINISTER WHEN ASKED FOR HIS VIEWS ON THE TWO-MONTH-OLD MCA CRISIS WHICH CULMINATED IN DATUK DR. NEO'S GROUP ORGANISING THE PARTY'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AND ENCIK TAN AND COMPANY HOLDING THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM) LAST SUNDAY.

DATUK SERH DR. MAHATHIR SAID +THE SOLVE-YOUR-OWN-PROBLEM+ ADVICE WAS GIVEN EXPLICITLY TO ENCIK TAN WHO LED A 45-MEMBER DELEGATION COMPRISING EIGHT MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, 35 STATE ASSEMBLY MEN, TWO SENATORS AND LEGAL ADVISER, DATUK KOK WEEKIAT, WHO MET HIM AT HIS OFFICE YESTERDAY.

+THAT WAS THE ONLY ADVICE I GAVE THEM WHEN THE MOON SWAN GROUP CAME TO SEE ME TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THE EGM,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS ALSO BARISAN NASPIONAL CHAIRMAN, SAID DATUK DR. NEO HAD NOT MET HIM SINCE THE MCA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ON SUNDAY.

+EVEN IF HE WERE TO MEET ME, I WOULD ALSO TELL HIM WHAT I FEEL, THAT IS HE HIMSELF SHOULD, SOLVE HIS OWN PARTY PROBLEMS,+ THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD BERNAMA.

HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO INTERFERE IN MCA INTERNAL AFFAIRS, ADDING THAT IT WAS UP TO THE PARTY TO DETERMINE ITS NEXT COURSE OF ACTION.

DATUK SERH DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT DURING THE ONE-HOUR MEETING, HE MERELY LISTENED TO ENCIK TAN WHO CONVEYED TO HIM THE FEELINGS AND WISHES OF THE 1,616 DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THE EGM AT THE HILTON HOTEL.

ACCORDING TO HIM, ENCIK TAN BRIEFED HIM ON THE SEVEN RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE EGM WHICH INCLUDED: REINSTATING ENCIK TAN AND NULLIFYING ALL OTHER EXPULSIONS AND SUSPENSIONS SINCE MARCH 18 AND SUSPENDING ALL POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD TO SUSPEND AND EXPEL MEMBERS.

ON THE TWO VACANT DEPUTY MINISTER'S POST FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF DATUK DR. LING LIONG SIK AND DATUK LEE KIM SAID, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE POSTS WOULD BE LEFT VACANT UNTIL HE DECIDES OTHERWISE. --BERNAMA 1715/HM