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KUALALUMPUR, SEPT. 15 (BERNAMA)-- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS ISSUED UMNO MEMBERS WITH GUIDELINES ON THE STRATEGY TO TAKE IN COUNTERING THE PAS ONSLAUGHT ON UMNO.

THE GUIDELINES WERE DISCUSSED IN DEPTH AT THE FOUR-HOUR MEETING OF THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL HE CHAIRED AT THE PARTY HEADQUARTERS HERE TODAY.

HOWEVER, THE PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO PRESIDENT DECLINED TO DISCLOSE DETAILS OF THE GUIDELINES WHEN QUERIED BY REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING.

IT IS LEARNED HE HAD ALSO GIVEN A BRIEFING ON THE GUIDELINES TO MORE THAN 1,500 UMNO MEMBERS FROM ALL 114 DIVISIONS AT A MEETING AT THE RISDA AUDITORIUM HERE THIS EVENING.

HE SAID THE POLITICAL SITUATION HAD REACHED A STAGE WHERE UMNO COULD NOT ALLOW PAS TO USE ITS INFLUENCE TO WEAKEN THE FAITH OF MUSLIMS FOR ITS OWN POLITICAL ENDS.

HE SAID PAS ACTIVITIES HAD DEVIATED GREATLY FROM ISLAM AS THE PARTY WAS NOW CLAIMING THAT ONLY THE MUSLIMS IN PAS WERE TRULY ISLAMIC.

+IF THIS WERE SO, THEN PROPHET MUHAMMAD, IMAM SHAFIE, IMAM GHAZALI AND OTHER ISLAMIC LEADERS ARE NOT MUSLIMS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT PAS MEMBERS. PERHAPS PAS ALSO CONSIDERS THEM TO BE UN-ISLAMIC, HE ADDED. --BERNAMA