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KUALALUMPUR, SEPT. 15 (BERNAMA) -- POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE COUNTRY CAN CONTINUE TO USE THE WORD \*ISLAM+ IN THEIR NAME, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT.

THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MET TODAY AND REJECTED A PROPOSAL FOR BANNING OF THE WORD +ISLAM+ IN NAMES OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COUNTRY.

THE PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED BY THE MELAKA UMNO.

PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT? TOLD REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING WHICH LASTED NEARLY FOUR HOURS THAT THE COUNCIL HAD CONSIDERED AND PROPOSAL AND REJECTED IT.

HE SAID IT FELT SUCH A MOVE WAS NOT NECESSARY, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION. --MORE

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APART FROM DISCUSSING THE PROPOSAL, THE COUNCIL ALSO RATIFIED THE APPOINTMENT OF FOUR STATE UHNO DEPUTY LIAISON CHIEFS.

THEY ARE FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN (KELANTAN), FEDERAL TERRITORY MINISTER DATUK SHAHRIR ABDUL SAMAD (JOHOR), MELAKA STATE EXCO MEMBER DATUK WIRA AHMAD NORDIN (MELAKA), AND BALIK PULAU HP ENCIK SHAMSURI MOHAMAD SALLEH (PULAU PINANG).

DEPUTY LIAISON CHIEFS FOR OTHER STATES HAVE NOT BEEN APPOINTED.

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