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KUALALUMPUR, OCT. 31 (BERNAMA)--THE FIRST INTERIM REPORT ON THE BUMIPUTRAMALAYSIA FINANCE (BMF) LOAN AFFAIR WILL BE MADE PUBLIC SOON, DATUKSERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD DISCLOSED TODAY. HE SAID THE CABINET TODAY SCRUTINISED THE REPORT AND UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE REPORT WOULD BE RELEASED IN FULL TO THE PUBLIC IMMEDIATELY.

+ WE AGREED THAT THE REPORT WILL BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY. THE PUBLIC WILL GET TO KNOW THE FULL CONTENTS OF THE REPORT AND NOTHING WILL BE CONCEALED, + ASSURED THE PRIME MINISTER AFTER CHAIRING THE WEEKLY CABINET MEETING AT HIS OFFICE HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE THE REPORT, BEING A PRELIMINARY ONE, DIDNOT MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS BUT ONLY CONTAINED FACTS PERTAINING TO THE MORE THAN \$2 BILLION LOANS GIVEN BY BMF TO HONG KONG PROPERTY COMPANIES, MAINLY THE CARRJAN GROUP, WHICH IS NOW UNDER RECEIVERSHIP.

THE REPORT, PREPARED BY A SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE HEADED BY AUDITOR-GENERAL TAN SRI AHMAD NOORDIN WAS SUBMITTED TO THE CABINET LAST WEEK BUT DISCUSSIONS ON IT WERE POSTPONED AS THE CABINET HAD NO TIME TO STUDY THE CONTENTS.

THE INTERIM REPORT IS SAID TO HAVE CONCENTRATED LARGELY ON THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE LOANS GIVEN BY BMF TO THE HONG KONG-BASED COMPANIES.

DATUKSERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SOON MAKE PUBLIC THE REPORT ON THE MAS AIRBUS CRASH IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR WHICH WAS DISCUSSED AT TODAY'S CABINET MEETING.

TRANSPORT MINISTER, TAN SRI CHONG HON NYAN, WHO TABLED THE REPORT, SAID THE CABINET HAD ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT AND AGREED THAT IT BE MADE PUBLIC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

+ THE CABINET HAD DECIDED THAT THE REPORT BE RELEASED IN FULL TO THE PUBLIC AND I WILL BE RELEASING IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ONCE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING THE PRINTING PROCESS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, + HE ADDED.

THE REPORT CONTAINED THE FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF INQUIRY HEADED BY THE DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION BRIG. JEN. OMAR MAT SAMAN.

THE MAS AIRBUS FROM SINGAPORE WITH 247 PASSENGERS ON BOARD CRASH LANDED NEAR THE SUBANG AIRPORT RUNWAY DURING A THUNDERSTORM ON DEC. 19, 1983 BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. ---BERNAMA
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