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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 12 (BERNAMA)-- I-HE PRIME MINISTER TODAY CONFIRMED THAT HE HAS BEEN CONSULTED ON DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT'S DECISION TO RESIGN FROM THE CABINET AND AS MALAYSIA'S AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID DATUK MOHAMED MET HIM ON OCT 10 TO NOTIFY HIM OF HIS INTENTION TO RESIGN FROM THE CABINET EARLY NEXT YEAR AND AS AMBASSADOR AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

+HE INDICATED TO ME HE WANTS TO RESIGN FROM BOTH POSTS BECAUSE HE' HAS SERVED MANY YEARS IN THE GOVERNMENT, +DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID AT THE RMAF BASE HERE ON HIS RETURN FROM A TWO-DAY VISIT TO THE MALDIVES.

DATUK MOHAMED YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THAT HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE CABINET WOULD TAKE EFFECT AFTER JAN 7 AND AS AMBASSADOR ON NOV 30.

HOWEVER, HE WOULD REMAIN AS THE MP FOR PULAI, HEAD OF THE PULAI UMNO DIVISION AND MEMBER OF THE JOHOR UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE.---

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