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LANGKAWI, NOV 21 (BERNAMA) -- THE CONFERENCE OF RULERS WILL MEET
ON DEC 3 TO DISCUSS FATWA (RELIGIOUS RULING) REGARDING PAS' ACCUSATION THAT UMNO MEMBERS ARE KAFIR, PRIME MINISTER DATUK S
MAHATHIR MOHAMAD ANNOUNCED HERE TONIGHT.

THE NATIONAL FATWA COUNCIL HAD BEEN ASKED TO LOOK INTO THE
ACCUSATION FOR DISCUSSION AT THE CONFERENCE OF RULERS MEETING,
TOLD A MEETING OF UMNO LEADERS.

DATUKSERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT HE, AS HEAD OF GOVERNMENT AND
UMNO PRESIDENT, WOULD ANNOUNCE THE RULERS' DECISION,

HE ALSO SAID UMNO ACCEPTED THE RULERS' DECISION TO CANCEL THE
UMNO-PAS DEBATE BECAUSE UMNO HAD GREAT REVERENCE FOR THE NATIONAL
CONSTITUTION WHICH AFFIRMED THAT RELIGIOUS MATTERS WERE THE
PREROGATIVE OF THE RULERS.

DATUKSERI DR MAHATHIR URGED UMNO LEADERS AND MEMBERS TO EXPLAIN
TO THE PEOPLE THAT UMNO'S CAUSE WAS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH ISLAMIC
TEACHINGS.

THE PEOPLE NEEDED TO BE GIVEN AN EXPLANATION IN VIEW OF THE
CONFUSION THAT HAS ARISEN AS A RESULT OF PAS' PROPAGANDA, HE SAID.
HE REITERATED THAT PAS WAS REVILING UMNO WITH THE SOLE INTENTION
OF GAINING THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT TO ENABLE IT TO TAKE OVER THE
COUNTRY'S POLITICAL REINS.

+PAS IS NOT CHAMPIONING ISLAM BUT FOR THE SELF-SERVING INTERESTS
OF ITS LEADERS,+ HE SAID.

DATUKSERI DR MAHATHIR PREDICTED THAT PAS WOULD DISINTEGRATE ONE
DAY. -- BERNAMA

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