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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 21 (BERNAMA) -- THE NATIONAL FATWA COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO ISSUE A RULING ON THE +KAFIR+ (INFIDEL) ISSUE SOON, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THE RULING WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG AND NOT TO HIM, HE SAID.

THE RULING WAS EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF RULERS ON DEC. 3 BEFORE IT WAS ANNOUNCED TO THE PUBLIC.

+THE NATIONAL FATWA COUNCIL HAS BEEN ASKED TO CONSIDER THE KAFIR ISSUE AND GIVE A RULING ON IT,+ HE TOLD BERNAMA AFTER CHAIRING THE WEEKLY CABINET MEETING.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, HOWEVER, DECLINED TO COMMENT WHETHER THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE +KAFIR+ ISSUE BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH, AS REPORTED BY A NEWSPAPER. --
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ASKED WHETHER PAS' ACCUSATION THAT UMNO MEMBERS ARE +KAFIR+ WILL CEASE AFTER THE RULING IS ISSUED, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID: +I DON'T KNOW' ... THIS KAFIR QUESTION IS FOR THE RULERS TO RESOLVE.+
-- BERNAMA