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KUAH, NOV. 22 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY DIRECTED ALL UMNO DIVISIONS TO INTENSIFY INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS, PARTICULARLY ON CURRENT ISSUES.

HE SAID INFORMATION SESSIONS MUST BE HELD TO EXPLAIN 'THE ACTUAL POSITION REGARDING PAS' +MENGKAFIR+ ACTIVITIES AND THE GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER ON RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM.

+IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BOTH THE ISSUES ARE UNDERSTOOD BY PARTY MEMBERS AND THE PEOPLE TO ENSURE NATIONAL RESILIENCE AND POLITICAL STABILITY,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, SAID AT A MEETING OF THE STATE UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE HERE YESTERDAY.

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI SYED NAHAR SHAHABUDDIN, WHO IS ALSO THE HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE.

DATUK SERI SYED NAHAR TOLD REPORTERS THE MEETING SUPPORTED THE APPLICATION BY FORMER PAS STATE ASSEMBLYMAN FOR LANGGAR/LIMBONG, ENCIK SAID YASSIN, AND 30 OTHER PAS MEMBERS IN THE CONSTITUENCY TO JOIN UMNO.

THE STATE UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE WOULD FORWARD ENCIK SAID'S APPLICATION TO THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL, HE SAID,

ACCORDING TO UMNO REGULATIONS, AN APPLICATION TO JOIN UMNO BY A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION WHO HAD CONTESTED AGAINST THE BARISAN NASIONAL HAD TO BE CERTIFIED BY THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

THE 30 OTHER PAS MEMBERS WERE ADMITTED AS MEMBERS OF THE LANGGAR UMNO BRANCH.

THE MEETING AGREED TO FORWARD ALL SUGGESTIONS ON AMENDMENTS TO 'THE UMNO CONSTITUTION FROM BRANCHES IN KEDAH TO THE PARTY'S SECRETARY-GENERAL .

AMONG THE SUGGESTIONS IS ONE ASKING FOR THE BARRING OF UMNO LEADERS FROM HOLDING MORE THAN ONE POST IN THE PARTY AND REQUIRING THOSE CONTESTING DIVISIONAL POSTS TO HAVE BEEN A PARTY MEMBER FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS AND THOSE CONTESTING FOR BRANCH POSTS TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS. -- BERNAMA

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