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ALOR SETAR, NOV. 29 (BERNAMA) -- THE PRIME MINISTER IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED BY THE MCA CRISIS WHICH HAS DRAGGED ON FOR NEARLY A YEAR AND HOPES FOR A SPEEDY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

(DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD BELIEVES RECONCILIATION OF THE CONTENDING FACTIONS IN THE PARTY WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE STABILITY ALREADY EXISTING IN THE UMNO AND MIC -- TWO OTHER PARTNERS IN THE BARISAN NASIONAL.

+IN THE PAST, THE MIC FACED SO MANY PROBLEMS THAT I HAD TO SUGGEST THAT THE CHAIRS AT MIC MEETINGS BE NAILED TO THE FLOOR TO PREVENT THE MEMBERS FROM THROWING THEM AT ONE ANOTHER,+ HE SAID TODAY.

+HOWEVER, IT LOOKS LIKE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE CAUGHT THIS AFFLICTION. I HOPE PROBLEMS LIKE THIS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PROLONG BUT BE SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED.+

HIS STATEMENT AT THE FOUNDATION-LAYING CEREMONY OF THE FOUR-STOREY \$600,000 KEDAH MIC BUILDING PROJECT DEMONSTRATED HIS CONCERN OVER THE MCA CRISIS INVOLVING THE FACTION LED BY ACTING PRESIDENT DATUK ORNEO YEE PAN AND THE ONE BY EXPELLED VICE-PRESIDENT TAN KOON SWAN WHICH HAD LED TO SCUFFLES BETWEEN SUPPORTERS OF BOTH SIDES RECENTLY. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS ALSO BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN CONGRATULATED MIC PRESIDENT DATUK S. SAMY VELLU FOR HIS SUCCESS IN CHANGING THE PARTY'S IMAGE FROM ONE OF A +PROBLEM-RIDDEN PARTY+ TO ONE OF A STRONG PARTY.

HE SAID THE MIC WAS NOW TRULY STRONG AND STABLE, ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL IN ESTABLISHING MAIKA HOLDINGS WITH A CAPITAL OF \$1 BILLION.

+THESE HAD ENABLED THE MIC TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF THE INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTRY AND ATTRACT A LARGE NUMBER INTO SUPPORTING THE BARISAN NASIONAL WHICH CAN BRING STABILITY TO THE COUNTRY,+ HE ADDED,  
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