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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 1 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY HE WOULD WANT REPORTS FROM VARIOUS +SOURCES+ ON THE RECENT SABAH STATE ELECTION BEFORE DISCUSSING BERJAYA'S DEFEAT. +THERE ARE STILL MANY WEAKNESSES IN THIS MATTER BUT I HAVE YET TO DISCUSS THEM,+ THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD REPORTERS AFTER WITNESSING THE LAUNCHING OF A HOT-AIR BALLOON IN THE SHAPE OF AN ELEPHANT BY FORBES MAGAZINE AT THE SELANGOR CLUB PADANG HERE.

ON BERJAYA PRESIDENT DATUK HARRIS SALLEH'S STATEMENT AFTER AN HOUR-LONG MEETING WITH HIM YESTERDAY EXPRESSING OPTIMISM OF THE PARTY'S FUTURE IN SABAH, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN, SAID THE MULTIRACIAL AND MULTIRELIGIOUS CONCEPT ADVOCATED BY BERJAYA SHOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE PEOPLE OF SABAH.

HE SAID THE MEETING DEALT MAINLY WITH THE REASONS FOR BERJAYA'S DEFEAT AT THE POLLS 10 DAYS AGO. -- MORE
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THE MEETING, HE SAID, DID NOT AT ALL TOUCH ON THE BERJAYA-USNO LINKUP TO FORM A STATE GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ELECTION RESULTS WERE KNOWN OR THE QUESTION OF BERJAYA'S EXPULSION FROM BARISAN NASIONAL.

ON HIS STATEMENT AND THAT OF THE CONGRESS OF UNIONS OF EMPLOYEES IN THE PUBLIC AND CIVIL SERVICES (CUEPACS) REGARDING A SALARY REVISION FOR GOVERNMENT STAFF, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE HAD NOTHING TO ADD.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT REJECTED OUTRIGHT CUEPACS' REQUEST FOR A PAY RISE FOR CIVIL SERVANTS.

A CABINET PAPER ON THE MATTER WAS BEING PREPARED FOR TABLING AT THE FORTHCOMING CABINET MEETING.

CUEPACS PRESIDENT ENCIK AHMAD NOR SAID YESTERDAY THAT CUEPACS WOULD NOT COMPROMISE ON THE SALARY REVISION ISSUE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS IN LINE WITH THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS ENJOYED BY THE UNIONS UNDER THE LAW. -- BERNAMA

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