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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 20 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT WILL ACCEPT ANYONE CHOSEN BY BERJAYA TO LEAD THE PARTY, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HE WAS COMMENTING ON THE ELECTION OF DATUK MOHAMED NOOR MANSOOR AS THE NEW BERJAYA PRESIDENT, BEATING MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK DR JAMES ONGKILI IN THE PARTY'S CONGRESS RECENTLY.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER AN UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING HERE, THE PRIME MINISTER AND BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN SAID THE MEETING DID NOT TAKE ANY DECISION ON THE APPLICATION BY THE RULING PARTI BERSATU SABAH (PBS) IN SABAH TO JOIN BARISAN NASIONAL.

HE SAID THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE POLITICAL UPHEAVAL IN SABAH FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE APRIL STATE ELECTIONS THERE.

A BRIEF REPORT ON THE MATTER WAS HANDED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO DISCUSSED THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SABAH. -- MORE  
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+THE SUPREME COUNCIL TAKES A SERIOUS VIEW OF THE PROBLEMS IN SABAH BUT FEELS IT NEED NOT MAKE ANY DECISION ON THE MATTER, INCLUDING ON THE PBS APPLICATION,+ HE ADDED.

THE MEETING TODAY ALSO AGREED TO RE-ACCEPT HAJI ABDUL GHAFUR ABDUL HAMID FROM THE TIGER LANE BRANCH AND ENCIK JAMIL MANSUR FROM THE BANDAR BRANCH AS MEMBERS. BOTH BRANCHES ARE UNDER THE PASIR PINJI UMNO DIVISION IN IPOH. -- BERNAMA  
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