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KUALA LUMPUR, JAN 30 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAYING THAT THERE WAS NO WINNER OR LOSER IN THE 10-MONTH OLD MCA FEUD, HAS APPEALED TO MCA MEMBERS TO CLOSE RANKS FOLLOWING THE PARTY'S PEACE SETTLEMENT TODAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO SEE A SITUATION WHICH WOULD RESULT IN ANOTHER CRISIS AND URGED ALL QUARTERS INCLUDING THE PRESS NOT TO DO ANYTHING WHICH COULD LEAD TO DISRUPTION OF UNITY.

+THERE HAD BEEN MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN THE MCA BUT NOT TO THE EXTENT THAT ONE SIDE WAS RIGHT THE OTHER WRONG IN THE CRISIS,+ HE SAID IN A SPEECH AFTER THE PEACE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BETWEEN MCA ACTING PRESIDENT DATUK DR NEO YEE PAN AND LEADER OF THE RIVAL FACTION ENCIK TAN KOON SWAN AT THE MEETING ROOM OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

+IN THE SETTLEMENT ACHIEVED TODAY, THERE IS NO WINNER OR LOSER. NO ONE GOT 100 PER CENT OF WHAT HE WANTED AND NO ONE LOST 100 PER CENT EITHER,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE PEACE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY BOTH SIDES OUT OF THEIR SINCERITY AND EAGERNESS TO BE REUNITED IN THE MCA AND ALSO BECAUSE OF THE SPIRIT OF GIVE-AND-TAKE AND THE WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE.