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ALOR SETAR, NOV 15 (BERNAMA) -- <sup>85</sup> <sup>(P)</sup> DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD .  
IS STILL KEEPING THE GENERAL ELECTION DATE A SECRET, SAYING IT WILL  
BE HELD +DEFINITELY NOT AFTER APRIL 1987.+

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN AFTER A CLOSED-DOOR  
MEETING WITH 1,600 KEDAH UMNO LEADERS HERE TODAY.

THE FIVE-YEAR TERM OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT EXPIRES IN  
APRIL 1987 AS THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION WAS HELD IN THE SAME MONTH IN  
1982.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE EXPLAINED THE HISTORY, STRUGGLE,  
ROLE AND DUTY OF UMNO IN RELATION TO THE SOCIETY AT THE CLOSED-DOOR  
MEETING.

HE STRESSED ON THE NEED FOR PRESERVING UNITY AMONG THE MALAYS  
AND UMNO MEMBERS.

THE ENEMIES OF UMNO WERE NOT ONLY OUTSIDERS, BUT ALSO PARTY  
MEMBERS WHO WERE SELF-SERVING; HE SAID. -- MORE

#### MAHATHIR-ELECTION 2 ALOR SETAR

+THEY ARE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING TO WEAKEN UMNO AND ACHIEVE  
THEIR AMBITIONS,+ SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO  
PRESIDENT.

HE CALLED ON UMNO MEMBERS TO CONTINUE SAFEGUARDING UNITY TO  
PROTECT AND DEFEND THE INTERESTS OF THE MUSLIMS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ADVISED MALAYS WHO WERE NOT AFFILIATED TO  
ANY POLITICAL PARTY TO SUPPORT AND JOIN UMNO.

ALTHOUGH UMNO HAD 1.2 MILLION MEMBERS, IT WOULD CONTINUE TO  
ACCEPT NEW MEMBERS TO ENSURE UNITY AND STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF  
THE MALAYS, HE SAID.

ON HIS SPEECH TO LEADERS OF BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES  
IN JITRA LAST NIGHT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS TO MAKE  
CLEAR HIS STAND ON PAS. -- MORE

#### MAHATHIR-ELECTION 3 ALOR SETAR

ON THE CLAIM BY PAS VICE-PRESIDENT HAJI NAKHAIE HAJI AHMAD THAT  
THE PEOPLE WERE SUFFERING BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT HANDLED THE  
ECONOMY WELL, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID PAS LEADERS WERE GOOD ONLY AT  
TALKING.

+WHAT CAN PAS DO TO STOP THE FALLING RUBBER PRICES?+ HE ASKED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS ALSO INTERESTED TO KNOW FROM  
PAS LEADERS WAYS TO CHECK THE FALLING PRICES OF THE OTHER  
COMMODITIES IN THE WORLD MARKET. -- BERNAMA

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