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SUBANG, NOV 28 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT THERE ARE MANY FACTORS HE MUST CONSIDER REGARDING LABOUR MINISTER DATUK MAK HON KAM'S POSITION IN THE CABINET.

HE SAID DATUK MAK'S POSITION WAS SOMETHING TO BE DISCUSSED LATER, ADDING THAT HE HAD TO CONSULT WITH FRIENDS AND THE NEW MCA LEADERSHIP.

THE PRIME MINISTER, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN FROM A NINE-DAY VISIT TO CHINA, MENTIONED THE CASE OF FORMER LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER HAJI HASSAN ADLI, WHO HE SAID WAS STILL IN THE CABINET THEN ALTHOUGH HE HAD CEASED TO BE A MEMBER OF ANY PARTY.

+BUT I AM NOT TAKING THAT AS AN EXAMPLE,+ HE ADDED.

+HE (MAK) MAY BE IN OR HE MAY BE OUT.+

DATUK MAK, WHO HAD CLAIMED TO BE THE MCA ACTING PRESIDENT PRIOR TO THE PARTY ELECTIONS, DID NOT CONTEST IN SUNDAY'S ELECTIONS. --

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TO A QUESTION, THE PRIME MINISTER WHO IS ALSO BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN, SAID THE END OF MCA'S 20-MONTH CRISIS DID NOT MEAN A GENERAL ELECTION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW.

THE ELECTION COULD BE HELD ANY TIME BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL 1987, HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA

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