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ALOR SETAR, AUG 24, (BERNAMA) -- ALL 158 BARISAN NASIONAL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO ATTEND A SPECIAL COURSE IN KUALA LUMPUR SOON TO FAMILIARISE THEM WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE AND ITS POLICIES.

PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TOLD BERNAMA AT HIS RESIDENCE IN TITI GAJAH NEAR HERE TODAY THAT THE COURSE OR BRIEFING WOULD BE HELD BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEW PARLIAMENTARY SITTING.

+THE EXACT DATE AND DURATION OF THE COURSE WILL BE DECIDED AT THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING ON AUG 27,+ HE SAID.

ACCORDING TO THE PRIME MINISTER, ATTENDANCE IS COMPULSORY AND +ANYONE FAILING TO TURN UP WITHOUT VALID EXCUSE WILL BE BLACKLISTED.+ -- -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO BN CHAIRMAN, SAID SENIOR FEDEAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WOULD CONDUCT THE INFORMATION BRIEFING. BN MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT SHOULD HAVE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND MACHINERY TO SERVE THE PEOPLE MORE EFFECTIVELY, HE SAID.

HE HIMSELF WILL DELIVER A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO THEM AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

HE SAID CABINET MINISTERS WOULD ALSO BRIEF THE MPS ON THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES.

ON A SIMILAR COURSE CUM BRIEFING FOR STATE ASSEMBLYMEN, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS WAS BEST HANDLED BY THE RESPECTIVE MENTERIS BESAR AND CHIEF MINISTERS.

ASKED ABOUT THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING HE WILL CHAIR ON OCT 27, HE SAID THE MAIN AGENDA ITEM WOULD BE THE DISCUSSION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTION.

THE MEETING WOULD EXAMINE THE EFFECT, RESULT AND PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE VERDICT OF THE ELECTORATE.

IT WOULD CONDUCT A POST MORTEM AS WAS THE NORMAL PRACTICE BY UMNO AFTER EVERY GENERAL ELECTION, HE ADDED.

+THE DISCUSSION AND POST-MORTEM WILL ENABLE UMNO TO IDENTIFY THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION ON THE PARTY AND USE THE KNOWLEDGE AS A GUIDE FOR THE FUTURE.+ -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE UMNO SECRETARIAT WOULD NOT BE TABLING A SPECIAL PAPER OR REPORT AS THE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE ON A FREE BASIS.

HE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE PARTI BERSATU SABAH (PBS) RESOLUTION AT ITS ASSEMBLY IN KOTA KINABALU YESTERDAY SEEKING A REFERENDUM AMONG THE SABAH PEOPLE ON THE FEDERALISATION OF LABUAN.

IN THE 20-MINUTE INTERVIEW, THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO GLANCED THROUGH A BOOK BY YAHYA ISMAIL ENTITLED +KRISIS UMNO:DILEMA MAHATHIR+ (UMNO CRISIS: MAHATHIR'S DILEMMA).

ASKED HIS OPINION ABOUT THE BOOK, ESPECIALLY THE PART ALLEGING THAT MALAYSIA WAS NOW RULED BY KEDAH-BORN LEADERS KNOWN AS THE KEDAH MAFIA, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MERELY SMILED.

TONIGHT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH ALI ATTENDED THE BERSANDING CEREMONY OF THE DAUGHTER OF THE SULTAN OF KEDAH, TENGGU SORAYA, AND THE RAJA KECHIL BONGSU PERAK, RAJA ISKANDAR DZULKARNAIN.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE WILL RETURN TO KUALA LUMPUR TOMORROW MORNING. -- BERNAMA
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