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KUALA TERENGGANU, APRIL 4 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY HE WILL REPORT TO THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL THE COUNTER-PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY PARTI BERSATU SABAH (PBS) TO THE +SABAH FORMULA+ TO RESOLVE THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN THE STATE.

A MEETING OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL WOULD ALSO BE CALLED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER, HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER MEETING TERENGGANU BN LEADERS HERE.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO PRESIDENT SAID: +I WILL PRESENT THE CONTENTS OF THE COUNTER-PROPOSALS AT THE MEETINGS WHICH WILL BE CONVENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.+

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR COULD NOT SAY WHETHER A SOLUTION WOULD BE FOUND BEFORE THE SABAH STATE ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 5 AND 6.

ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, HE SAID: +I DON'T KNOW.+ HE GAVE THE SAME REPLY WHEN ASKED IF HE WOULD BE MAKING AN ANNOUNCEMENT SOON ON WHO WOULD BE MADE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOLLOWING DATUK MUSA HITAM'S RESIGNATION FROM THE CABINET RECENTLY.

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ON THE PROPOSED +MUZAKARAH+ (DISCUSSION) BETWEEN UMNO AND PAS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID SEVERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES +IN THE CONTEXT OF MUSLIMS+ HAD ALREADY BEEN HELD.

+IT IS OUR INTENTION TO HAVE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS QUIETLY, WITHOUT ANY FUSS, AND NOT OVER TV,+ HE SAID.

ON THE UMNO POLITICAL BUREAU MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR RECENTLY, HE SAID DISCUSSIONS CENTRED ON HIS VISIT TO THE STATES IN THE PENINSULA SINCE EARLY THIS YEAR.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO MENTIONED ISMAIL MAHMUD, YOUNGER BROTHER OF IBRAHIM LIBYA, WHO HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN REPUDIATING AT PAS CERAMAHS (TALKS) THE CONFESSION HE MADE OVER TV ABOUT HIS INVOLVEMENT IN LAST NOVEMBER'S MEMALI INCIDENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO INTENTION OF TAKING ANY ACTION AGAINST ISMAIL AND THAT IT WOULD LEAVE IT TO THE PEOPLE TO JUDGE ISMAIL. -- BERNAMA

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