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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 9 ((BERNAMA))

-- THE BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING TODAY DID NOT DISCUSS THE GENERAL ELECTION OR DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS FOR CONTEST AMONG ITS COMPONENT PARTIES.

PRIME MINISTER AND BN CHAIRMAN DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TOLD THE PRESS AFTER THE MEETING: ~~IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO DISCUSS~~ THE QUESTION OF SEAT ALLOCATION.+

HE SAID THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WAS ALSO NOT DISCUSSED. (DATUK MUSA HITAM RESIGNED FROM THE POST LAST MONTH).

ON SPECULATIONS OF PARLIAMENT BEING DISSOLVED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE ELECTION, HE SAID JOKINGLY: +WE HAVE JUST REPAINTED PARLIAMENT BUILDING.... WE DO NOT WANT TO DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT YET, IT STILL LOOKS NICE.+

HE SAID THE MEETING DID NOT HAVE MUCH ON ITS AGENDA AND DISCUSSIONS CENTRED ONLY ON THE APPLICATIONS BY USNO, PARTI BERSATU SABAH (PBS), PASOK, PARTI CINA SABAH, SABAH CONSOLIDATED CHINESE PARTY AND PARTI MURUT, ALL FROM SABAH, TO JOIN THE BN.

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PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE BN SECRETARY-GENERAL GHAFAR BABA, MCA PRESIDENT TAN KOON SWAN, BERJAYA PRESIDENT DATUK HAJI MOHAMED NOOR MANSOOR, AND LEADERS OF SEVERAL OTHER BN COMPONENT PARTIES.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL 11 BN COMPONENT PARTNERS ATTENDED THE MEETING WHICH BEGAN AT ABOUT 5 PM.

FIRST TO ARRIVE WAS THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP) DELEGATION LED BY NEW PPP PRESIDENT TEE AN CHUAN FOLLOWED BY DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE PARTI PESAKA BUMIPUTERA BERSATU (PBB) SARAWAK DATUK ALFRED JABU.

PBB PRESIDENT DATUK PATINGGI TAIB MAHMUD CAME SOON AFTER.

AMONG THE FIVE-MEMBER UMNO DELEGATION WERE TWO VICE-PRESIDENTS DATUK AMAR HAJI WAN MOKHTAR AHMAD AND DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI WHILE THE MCA DELEGATION COMPRISED ENCIK TAN, DEPUTY PRESIDENT DATUK DR LING LIONG SIK AND SECRETARY-GENERAL DATUK LEE KIM SAI. -- BERNAMA
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