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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 18 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD ⁸⁶ ^(P) WILL DEFEND HIS KUBANG PASU PARLIAMENTARY SEAT IN KEDAH IN THE GENERAL ELECTION, POLLING FOR WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR AUG 3.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN, SAID TODAY HE WOULD NOT ABANDON KUBANG PASU LIKE SOME OPPOSITION LEADERS WHO RAN FROM ONE CONSTITUENCY TO ANOTHER.

+IF LIM KIT SIANG (DAP SECRETARY-GENERAL) WANTS TO STAND IN KUBANG PASU, HE IS WELCOME TO,+ HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER A CHAIRING A BN SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING AT THE UMNO COMPLEX HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAS REPRESENTED KUBANG PASU SINCE 1974.

ENCIK LIM, WHO IS MP FOR KOTA MELAKA, IS REPORTED TO BE CONSIDERING CONTESTING IN A PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY IN PULAU PINANG. -- MORE

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ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD MAKE A NATIONWIDE ELECTION TOUR, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WOULD TRY HIS BEST TO VISIT EVERY STATE.

THE PRIME MINISTER VISITED THE STATES AT THE END OF LAST YEAR AND EARLY THIS YEAR AND REVISITED SOME OF THEM RECENTLY. -- BERNAMA
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