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JITRA, MARCH 21⁸⁷ (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY HE APPOINTED ENCIK GHAFAR BABA HIS DEPUTY FOR ENCIK GHAFAR'S LOYALTY TO UMNO.

HE SAID EVEN THOUGH ENCIK GHAFAR WAS NOT APPOINTED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WHEN TUN HUSSEIN ONN BECAME PRIME MINISTER, HE REMAINED LOYAL AND OF SERVICE TO UMNO AND THE BARISAN NASIONAL.

+ENCIK GHAFAR WAS NOT JEALOUS WHEN I WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (BY TUN HUSSEIN) FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF TUN ABDUL RAZAK (TUN HUSSEIN'S PREDECESSOR) ALTHOUGH THE POST SHOULD HAVE GONE TO HIM BEING THEN THE SENIORMOST UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT, + HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE KUBANG PASU DIVISION DELEGATES' MEETING HERE.

UMNO MALAYSIA HAS THREE ELECTIVE VICE-PRESIDENTS. THE UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA UMNO CHIEFS ARE EX-OFFICIO VICE-PRESIDENTS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT, SAID ENCIK GHAFAR HAD THE BEST RECORD IN UMNO BY BEING A VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 25 YEARS.

EVEN AFTER HE WAS OUT OF THE CABINET HE CONTINUED TO SERVE THE PARTY WITHOUT THOUGHT OF ANY RECOMPENSE. -- MORE
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IN FACT ENCIK GHAFAR HAD SLOGGED TO ENSURE A BARISAN NASIONAL VICTORY EVERY GENERAL ELECTION, HE ADDED.

+THIS CLEARLY SHOWS ENCIK GHAFAR TO BE IMBUEW WITH THE UMNO SPIRIT OF SERVING THE RACE, WHICH SHOULD BE APPRECIATED.

+IN CONTRAST, OTHER PEOPLE WHEN THEY DO NOT HAVE A POST TO HOLD ALWAYS CRITICISED AND CREATED PROBLEMS FOR THE TOP LEADERSHIP. +

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE TRAIT OF LOYALTY TO THE PARTY AS SHOWN BY ENCIK GHAFAR SHOULD BE EMULATED BY OTHER UMNO LEADERS WHO WERE SINCERE AND WISHED TO SERVE THE COUNTRY AND RACE.

HE SAID HE WAS BRINGING THIS MATTER UP FOR THE FIRST TIME BECAUSE CERTAIN QUARTERS WERE SLANDERING AND DISCREDITING HIM AND HURLING BASELESS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HIM IN THE RUN-UP TO THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL ELECTIONS AT THE PARTY'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEXT MONTH.

HE SAID IT WAS OUT OF APPRECIATION TO ENCIK GHAFAR, WHO HAD NEVER CREATED TROUBLE FOR THE PARTY, THAT HE APPOINTED HIM DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WHEN DATUK MUSA HITAM RESIGNED FROM THE CABINET. --
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