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JOHOR BAHRU, APRIL 8 (BERNAMA) -- JOHOR UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE HEAD DATUK ABDUL AJIB AHMAD TODAY ASSURED PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR) THAT OBSERVERS FROM THE STATE TO THE PARTY GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINNING APRIL 24 WILL NOT CAUSE ANY TROUBLE.

DATUK AJIB SAID HE GAVE THE ASSURANCE TO DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT, DURING A TWO-HOUR CLOSE-DOOR MEETING WITH JOHOR DELEGATES TO THE ASSEMBLY.

THE MEETING WAS HELD AT +SAUJANA+ -- THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF JOHOR MENTERI BESAR.

HE GAVE THE ASSURANCE, HE SAID, BECAUSE THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE MEETING HAD MENTIONED ABOUT THE +TALK+ THAT JOHOR UMNO MIGHT BRING +10,000 OR EVEN 300,000+ OBSERVERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

+I ASSURED HIM THAT JOHOR UMNO WILL ENSURE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY GOES ON SMOOTHLY WITHOUT ANY UNTOWARD INCIDENT,+ HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING.

DATUK AJIB, WHO IS MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, SAID JOHOR UMNO WOULD SEND OBSERVERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUT NOT AS MANY AS MENTIONED. -- MORE  
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HOWEVER, DATUK AJIB WAS UNABLE TO GIVE THE EXACT NUMBER OF OBSERVERS THAT WOULD BE SENT BECAUSE HE SAID THIS WOULD DEPEND ON THE DIVISIONS.

LAST YEAR, JOHOR UMNO SENT ABOUT 3,000 OBSERVERS TO THE ASSEMBLY BUT THE FIGURE HAD YET TO BE DECIDED FOR THE PRESENT ASSEMBLY.

ON THE MEETING, DATUK AJIB SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR EXPLAINED ISSUES RAISED IN THE COURSE OF THE CAMPAIGN AND HELD A HEART-TO-HEART DIALOGUE WITH THE DELEGATES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR DECLINED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS POSED BY REPORTERS SAYING: +NO COMMENT AND NO QUESTIONS.+

ALSO PRESENT WERE SELANGOR MENTERI BESAR DATUK MUHAMMAD HAJI MUHAMMAD TAIB, DEPUTY WORKS MINISTER MUSTAFA MOHAMED, DEPUTY PUBLIC ENTERPRISES MINISTER HAJI DAUD TAHA, JOHOR MENTERI BESAR HAJI MUHYIDDIN YASSIN, JOHOR STATE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER DATUK SYED ZAIN IDRUS AL-SHAHAB AND PULAI MP DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT. -- BERNAMA  
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