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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 13⁸⁷ (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT HAS
 DECLASSIFIED IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE DAYABUMI, PROTON
 SAGA AND PENANG BRIDGE PROJECTS TO ENABLE THE PEOPLE KNOW THE TRUE
 PICTURE REGARDING THEM, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

ANY ONE, INCLUDING THE MASS MEDIA, COULD APPLY TO OBTAIN THE
 DOCUMENTS FROM THE MINISTERS CONCERNED, THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD
 REPORTERS AFTER LAUNCHING THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF
 SHAMELIN BERHAD AT WISMA TUNKU HERE.

ASKED WHEN THE DOCUMENTS COULD BE ACQUIRED, HE SAID THE PEOPLE
 SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THEY WERE NOTIFIED.

THE THREE PROJECTS WERE AMONG THE ISSUES BROUGHT UP BY SEVERAL
 CANDIDATES DURING THE RUN UP TO THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL ELECTION.
 THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD DURING THE PARTY GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON APRIL
 24.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, SAID THAT BY
 DECLASSIFYING THE DOCUMENTS, MISCONCEPTION AMONG THE PEOPLE
 REGARDING THE PROJECTS COULD BE CORRECTED. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT (OSA)
 EMPOWERED MINISTERS, INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER, AND AUTHORISED
 OFFICERS TO DECLASSIFY CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IF THIS WAS FOUND TO BE
 NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, THE DAYABUMI AND PENANG BRIDGE PROJECTS
 HAD BEEN DECLASSIFIED FOR PURPOSES OF SHOWING WHO HAD MADE THE
 DECISIONS ON THEM.

ALL MATTERS ON THE PROJECTS WERE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE
 NATIONAL ACTION COUNCIL AND THE CABINET, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID PERSONAL LETTERS DIRECTED TO HIM
 COULD ALSO BE RELEASED FOR PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE IF NECESSARY.

+IF THERE ARE APPLICATIONS, WE MAY DECLASSIFY OTHER DOCUMENTS.
 HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT DECLASSIFY ALL DOCUMENTS, ONLY
 CERTAIN ONES, AND THAT TOO ONLY IF NECESSARY.+ -- MORE

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IN HIS SPEECH, HE SAID THE RECENT ACTION OF UMNO
 SECRETARY-GENERAL DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID IN TELLING THE PEOPLE
 ABOUT A LETTER WRITTEN BY FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK MUSA
 HITAM TO HIM (THE PRIME MINISTER) TO DROP TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH
 FROM THE CABINET WAS NOT WRONG AS IT WAS AIMED AT PUTTING RIGHT
 INCORRECT INFORMATION.

HE SAID THAT CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL LETTERS NEEDED TO BE EXPOSED
 BECAUSE THERE WERE CERTAIN PEOPLE +CARRYING TALES+ AND LIKED TO TELL
 LIES.

+LETTERS STAMPED +TOP SECRET+ TO THE PRIME MINISTER COULD BE
 RELEASED IF THE WRITERS SPOKE TO THE CONTRARY ABOUT THEIR CONTENTS,+
 HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT IF SUCH ACTION WAS NOT TAKEN, THERE WAS A
 POSSIBILITY THAT THOSE WHO COMMITTED OFFENCES WOULD ESCAPE
 PUNISHMENT MERELY BECAUSE THE OFFENCE WAS KEPT SECRET.

THE PRIME MINISTER DREW ATTENTION TO THE EXPOSURE OF THE ILLEGAL
 SECRET SALE OF FIREARMS BY THE UNITED STATES TO IRAN AND NICARAGUA,
 WHERE THE US GOVERNMENT LATER HAD TO REVEAL ALL DECISIONS ON THE
 MATTER. -- MORE

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+IF I HAVE MADE MISTAKES, EXPOSE THEM,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

ON SHAMELIN, HE SAID THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE COOPERATIVE MIGHT BE CLOSED IF OTHER PEOPLE HEADED UMNO AFTER APRIL 24.

THIS WAS BECAUSE THERE WERE THOSE WHO HAD GRUDGES AGAINST A +DIETY WHO WAS PLUCKED FROM THE HEAVENS+ AND HAD BEEN GIVEN A PLACE IN THE COUNTRY, HE SAID.

+TO ENSURE THAT THAT PERSON CONTINUES TO BE A NATIONAL LEADER AND LEAD SHAMELIN, MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE SHOULD HELP TO ENSURE THE VICTORY OF THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP.+

DATUK SERI SANUSI, WHO IS FOUNDER OF SHAMELIN AND HEAD OF THE MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH CLUBS, IN HIS SPEECH PLEDGED THE UNDIVIDED LOYALTY OF MEMBERS OF THE TWO ORGANISATIONS TO THE LEADERSHIP OF DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA.

HE HIT OUT AT MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS WHO WERE CRITICAL OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PRIME MINISTER, DESCRIBING THEM AS INGRATES. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI SANUSI, WHO IS AGRICULTURE MINISTER, ALSO HIT OUT AT MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS WHO WERE +EASILY HURT+ AND DID NOT SUPPORT THE PRIME MINISTER MERELY BECAUSE THEY WERE TRANSFERRED FROM ONE MINISTRY TO ANOTHER OR HAD NOT BEEN PROMOTED AFTER HOLDING A DEPUTY MINISTER'S POST FOR SOME TIME.

HE REMINDED UMNO DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE CAREFUL IN MAKING THEIR CHOICE OF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP, SAYING A +DISCO CABINET+ WOULD EMERGE IF THEY MADE THE WRONG CHOICE.

DATUK SERI SANUSI SAID THEY SHOULD ELECT LEADERS CAPABLE OF CREATING A CABINET OF INTEGRITY.

MEANWHILE, SHAMELIN MANAGING DIRECTOR ABDULLAH MAAMUOM JUNID SAID CURRENT CONSERVATIVE FIGURES ACQUIRED INDICATED THAT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WOULD RETAIN THE PARTY PRESIDENCY BY OBTAINING 871 VOTES.

ALSO PRESENT WERE PAHANG MENTERI BESAR DATUK KHALIL YAKOB, FEDERAL TERRITORY MINISTER DATUK ABU HASSAN OMAR AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DR SITI ZAHARAH SULAIMAN. --
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