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ALOR SETAR, APRIL 19<sup>87</sup> (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HIS VISIT TO THE STATES WHERE HE EXPLAINED TO UMNO LEADERS GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND CLARIFIED PARTY ISSUES.

HE TOLD BERNAMA ON ARRIVAL HERE FOR A BRIEF VISIT TODAY THAT HIS TOUR OF THE STATES WAS A SUCCESS AND THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE RESPONSE TO THE MEETINGS WITH THE UMNO LEADERS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR IS BEING CHALLENGED BY TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH FOR THE UMNO PRESIDENT'S POST AT THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL ELECTION ON FRIDAY.

HE HAD REPLIED TO ALL ALLEGATIONS LEVELLED AGAINST HIS LEADERSHIP DURING HIS CLOSED-DOOR MEETING WITH THE UMNO LEADERS IN THE STATES.

HE COMPLETED HIS TOUR OF THE STATES YESTERDAY WHEN HE VISITED TERENGGANU. -- MORE  
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LATER, THE PRIME MINISTER ATTENDED A TAHLIL AT THE RESIDENCE OF KEDAH MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI HAJI OSMAN AROFF WHERE MORE THAN 200 UMNO LEADERS AND DELEGATES TO THE PARTY GENERAL ASSEMBLY WERE PRESENT.

IN HIS SPEECH AT THE FUNCTION, HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THE DELEGATES IN THE VARIOUS STATES WOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE CLARIFICATION HE HAD MADE ON ISSUES.

HE SAID HE HOPED THE DELEGATES WOULD UNDERSTAND THE +TRUE SITUATION.+

REPLYING TO A QUESTION, HE SAID THE DELEGATES HE MET WITH WERE SATISFIED WITH THE CLARIFICATION HE MADE ON CERTAIN ISSUES +BUT I CANNOT READ THEIR MIND.+

TO ANOTHER QUESTION, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT OF EMERGING THE VICTOR IN THE FIGHT FOR THE UMNO PRESIDENCY.

+IF I AM NOT CONFIDENT THAT WHY SHOULD I CONTEST,+ HE REMARKED.  
-- BERNAMA

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