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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 23<sup>07</sup> (BERNAMA) -- THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL WHICH MET HERE TONIGHT OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION OF ENCIK ANWAR IBRAHIM AS UMNO YOUTH HEAD.

PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, WHO CHAIRED THE MEETING, SAID THE RESIGNATION WOULD BE EFFECTIVE AFTER THE MEETING TONIGHT.

IN THE LETTER READ OUT BY DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, ENCIK ANWAR EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT UMNO YOUTH DEPUTY HEAD DATUK SERI NAJIB TUN RAZAK, WHO WOULD ACT AS UMNO YOUTH HEAD UNTIL THE MOVEMENT'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR, WOULD BE ABLE TO BRING UMNO YOUTH TO EVEN GREATER HEIGHTS.

ENCIK ANWAR ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION IN HIS ADJOURNMENT SPEECH AT THE UMNO YOUTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT DEWAN TUN DR ISMAIL, PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE (PWTC) HERE EARLIER TODAY. HE IS CONTESTING FOR A VICE-PRESIDENT'S SEAT AT THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL ELECTION TOMORROW.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE MEETING ALSO DECIDED TO ALLOCATE PLACES FOR ONLY 40 JOURNALISTS, AT ANY ONE TIME, TO COVER THE PARTY GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOMORROW.

HE SAID THAT THE UMNO HEADQUARTERS WOULD PROVIDE PASSES TO EVERY NEWSPAPER OR AGENCY WHICH COULD BE USED BY JOURNALISTS TO TAKE TURNS TO ENTER THE CONFERENCE HALL TO COVER THE PROCEEDINGS. -- MORE  
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HE SAID THAT DUE TO SPACE CONSTRAINTS AT DEWAN MERDEKA -- THE CONFERENCE HALL -- ALL THE APPLICATIONS BY 800 JOURNALISTS WANTING TO COVER THE ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS COULD NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ADDED THAT EVEN SEATS FOR 10 OBSERVERS FROM EACH DIVISION COULD NOT BE ENSURED.

OBSERVERS WHO COULD NOT SECURE SEATS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO FOLLOW THE PROCEEDINGS THROUGH CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SETS AT DEWAN TUN ISMAIL, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE MEETING ALSO DECIDED TO ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES FROM SIX UMNO CLUBS OVERSEAS TO ATTEND THE PROCEEDINGS.

HE SAID THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS 1,479, BARRING LAST MINUTES CHANGES, AND THAT THERE WOULD BE 92 CANDIDATES VYING FOR ALL UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL POSTS. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT DELEGATES SHOULD BE IN THE HALL BY 8.30AM. THOSE WHO WERE LATE WOULD STILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE HALL AND HAD THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

+WHAT IS REQUIRED IS A QUORUM TO BEGIN VOTING, BUT DELEGATES SHOULD BE IN THE HALL EVEN IF THEY HAVE CAST THEIR VOTES SO THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT CHORUM,+ HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, UMNO SECRETARY-GENERAL DATUK SERI BANUSI JUNID SAID THE TWO FORMER PRESIDENTS OF UMNO, TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN AND TUN HUSSEIN ONN, HAD BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT.

HOWEVER, TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN AND TUN HUSSEIN WOULD NOT ATTEND THE OPENING.

THE MEETING WHICH BEGAN AT 8PM LASTED FOR NEARLY TWO HOURS. --  
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