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KUANTAN, SEPT 6 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE AUTHORITIES WILL LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED IN BRINGING TO BOOK THE CULPRITS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING FIRE TO SEVERAL MOSQUES IN PAHANG RECENTLY.

SOURCES SAID TODAY THE PRIME MINISTER GAVE THIS ASSURANCE AT A CLOSED-DOOR MEETING WITH PAHANG BARISAN NASIONAL LEADERS HERE THIS EVENING.

THEY SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE MOSQUE-BURNING INCIDENTS.

POLICE HAVE SAID ARSONISTS SET FIRE TO TWO MOSQUES IN PEKAN AND THREE OTHERS NEAR TRIANG EARLY LAST WEEK. SEVERAL COMMUNITY HALLS IN THE STATE WERE ALSO SLIGHTLY DAMAGED IN FIRES STARTED BY ARSONISTS.

POLICE ARE OFFERING A \$50,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MOSQUE FIRES. -- MORE
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THE MOSQUE-BURNING INCIDENTS AND THE CURRENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION WERE AMONG THE TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING THE ONE-HOUR MEETING, THE SOURCES SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ON THE SECOND DAY OF HIS THREE-DAY VISIT TO PAHANG, ALSO ADVISED BN COMPONENT PARTIES TO OVERCOME ISSUES THROUGH CONSULTATIONS, THEY SAID.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE MENTERI BESAR DATUK KHALIL YAKOB, AGRICULTURE MINISTER AND UMNO SECRETARY-GENERAL DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID, CULTURE AND TOURISM MINISTER DATUK SABBARUDDIN CHIK AND YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER DATUK SERI NAJIB TUN RAZAK.

OTHERS INCLUDED STATE MIC CHAIRMAN V.V. ABOO, DEPUTY STATE MCA CHAIRMAN DATUK LIM AH LEK AND STATE GERAKAN CHAIRMAN TAN AH BEN.

TONIGHT, THE PRIME MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND A DINNER AT THE MENTERI BESAR'S RESIDENCE. -- BERNAMA
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