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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 13 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY HE WANTS TO UNITE THE VARIOUS FACTIONS IN THE PARTY WHICH EMERGED DURING THE PARTY'S APRIL ELECTION.

HIS VISIT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WAS ALSO FOR THIS PURPOSE, HE SAID WHEN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER UNVEILING A BILLBOARD PROMOTING GOOD NEIGHBOURLINESS, DONATED BY PUBLIC BANK BERHAD, AT BANDAR TUN RAZAK HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WOULD SUGGEST WAYS TO BRING ABOUT GREATER UNITY IN UMNO AT CLOSED-DOOR MEETINGS WITH UMNO MEMBERS.

THROUGH SUCH MEETINGS, HE SAID, HE WAS MORE FREE TO SAY WHAT HE HAD IN MIND. +AS SUCH, I WOULD RATHER NOT SAY IT PUBLICLY.+

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS ASKED ON HOW HE PROPOSED TO BRING TOGETHER SUPPORTERS OF +TEAM A+ AND +TEAM B+ FOLLOWING THE PARTY'S ELECTIONS WHERE THE PRIME MINISTER BEAT FORMER TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER TENGGU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH FOR THE UMNO PRESIDENT'S POST. -- MORE

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+TEAM A+ WAS SAID TO HAVE COMPRISED SUPPORTERS OF DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND +TEAM B+ TENGGU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH'S.

DURING A VISIT TO LABUAN ON FRIDAY, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE TIME HAD COME FOR UMNO MEMBERS TO CLOSE RANKS AND RE-UNITE.

THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY +TEAM A+ OR +TEAM B+ BUT ONLY THE UMNO TEAM, HE HAD SAID. -- BERNAMA

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