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KOTA BAHARU, OCT 2 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AND TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH TODAY MET AND SHOOK HANDS AS THE PRIME MINISTER ARRIVED FOR AN UMNO MEETING HERE, AND ALL PRESENT ERUPTED INTO SPONTANEOUS APPLAUSE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, WAS SEEN TO BE SMILING AMID THE APPLAUSE BY ABOUT 100 LEADERS FROM THE 13 KELANTAN UMNO DIVISIONS WHO TURNED UP FOR THE MEETING.

TENGKU RAZALEIGH, WHO IS HEAD OF THE 'GUA MUSANG UMNO DIVISION, CAME TO THE VENUE EARLY AND WAITED FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER.

TODAY'S WAS THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND TENGKU RAZALEIGH, WHO IS FORMER TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER, AFTER THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT IN LABUAN LAST MONTH THAT THERE IS NO TEAM A OR TEAM B IN UMNO.

THE MEETING WITH UMNO LEADERS IN KELANTAN IS ON THE ITINERARY OF DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR'S TWO-DAY VISIT TO THE STATE, WHICH IS PART OF A NATION-WIDE TOUR TO STRENGTHEN PARTY UNITY FOLLOWING THE APRIL GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTIONS. -- MORE

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TENGKU RAZALEIGH'S PRESENCE AT THE MEETING ERASED DOUBTS THE PUBLIC HAD WHETHER HE WAS PREPARED TO MEET THE MAN HE HAD CHALLENGED FOR THE PRESIDENT'S POST AND TO CLOSE RANKS WITHIN THE PARTY.

AMONG THOSE WHO WITNESSED THE MEANINGFUL MEETING WERE UMNO SECRETARY-GENERAL DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID, KELANTAN MENTERI BESAR DATUK HAJI MOHAMED YAACOB, DEFENCE MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDEEN AND UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBER HAJI AHMAD SHAHIBUDDIN MOHAMED NOOR.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, ATTIRED IN A GREY BUSH JACKET, AND TENGKU RAZALEIGH, WEARING YELLOW BAJU MELAYU, SAT NEXT TO EACH OTHER AT THE MAIN TABLE FACING THE AUDIENCE.

WHILE WAITING FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S ARRIVAL, TENGKU RAZALEIGH WAS SEEN CHATTING WITH DATUK SERI SANUSI.

THE STATE UMNO LEADERS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING INCLUDED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR KOK LANAS DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD AND DEPUTY AGRICULTURE MINISTER MOHAMED KASSIM AHMAD. -- BERNAMA
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AFTER THE MEETING, TENGKU RAZALEIGH SHOOK HANDS AGAIN WITH THE PRIME MINISTER BEFORE DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH LEFT FOR THE GUEST HOUSE HERE.

TENGKU RAZALEIGH THEN ACCOMPANIED DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR FROM THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE STATE UMNO BUILDING, WHERE THE MEETING WAS HELD, TO HIS CAR.

WHILE WAITING FOR DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH TO CATCH UP, BOTH OF THEM AND DATUK MOHAMED ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION.

+I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT,+ TENGKU RAZALEIGH WAS HEARD TELLING THE PRIME MINISTER. TONIGHT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND A GATHERING OF POLITICIANS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS HERE.

AFTER THAT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE STATE UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE.

TENGKU RAZALEIGH DECLINED COMMENT WHEN ASKED IF HE WOULD HOLD A +FOUR-EYE+ MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. -- BERNAMA
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