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KOTA BAHARU, OCT 3 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY HE IS PREPARED TO MEET AGAIN ANY UMNO MEMBER, INCLUDING TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH, TO RESOLVE PARTY MATTERS.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO PRESIDENT SAID IT WAS NO PROBLEM IF THE FORMER TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER WANTED TO SEE HIM AGAIN.

HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE END OF HIS TWO-DAY VISIT TO KELANTAN THAT HE WELCOMED ANY INTENTION BY TENGKU RAZALEIGH TO MEET HIM AGAIN.

ASKED ABOUT THE CLAIM BY CERTAIN GROUPS THAT TENGKU RAZALEIGH WAS STILL NOT SATISFIED WITH THE TWO MEETINGS HE HAD WITH DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HERE BECAUSE THESE WERE NOT CONSIDERED SUITABLE FORUMS, HE SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS, ADDING THAT HE COULD NOT COMMENT.

EARLIER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAD ATTENDED THE MEETINGS HE HAD WITH UMNO DIVISIONAL LEADERS AND THE STATE UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE YESTERDAY. -- MORE

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HE SAID TENGKU RAZALEIGH ATTENDED THE MEETINGS AS HEAD OF THE GUA MUSANG DIVISION AND HAD TAKEN PART IN DISCUSSIONS ON SEVERAL MATTERS, INCLUDING THOSE AFFECTING THE NATION.

+WE HAD DISCUSSIONS TOGETHER AT THE TWO FUNCTIONS -- THE MEETING WITH PARTY MEMBERS AT DIVISIONAL LEVEL AND, AFTER THE DINNER, THE MEETING WITH THE STATE UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE.+

ASKED TO COMMENT ON A STATEMENT BY TENGKU RAZALEIGH THAT ALL CAPABLE PARTY MEMBERS SHOULD BE +TAKEN BACK+ TO HELP ENSURE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVES, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY (NEP), HE SAID: +WE NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF ALL GROUPS. ONE GROUP ALONE WILL NOT DO.+

ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE SUIT FILED BY 12 PARTY MEMBERS TO NULLIFY THE APRIL UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS TOLD IT HAD HELD ITS FIRST MEETING RECENTLY.

HOWEVER, HE HAD NOT OBTAINED THE DETAILS. -- MORE
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MEANWHILE, TENGKU RAZALEIGH AT A MEETING WITH REPORTERS AT HIS RESIDENCE, PALM MANOR, HERE, SAID THERE WAS NO PROBLEM IN UNITING UMNO MEMBERS FOR THEIR COMMON INTEREST IF ALL WERE SINCERE AND FAIR IN HANDLING QUESTIONS AFFECTING THE PARTY.

HE SAID IF THERE WERE ELEMENTS OF DISCRIMINATION AND VICTIMISATION AGAINST ANYONE, THESE SHOULD BE REMOVED.

HE BELIEVED UMNO WOULD BE STRONG AND ITS MEMBERS UNITED IF ALL STROVE TOWARDS ATTAINING THE STRUGGLE OF THE PARTY.

+IF THERE ARE SIGNS OF A SPLIT, THIS IS ONLY A PROBLEM OF DIFFERENCES IN VIEW,+ HE SAID.

TENGKU RAZALEIGH HOPED ALL SIDES WOULD COOPERATE AND GIVE SUPPORT TO ATTAIN THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PARTY WHICH WAS STRUGGLING FOR FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH AMONG THE PEOPLE THROUGH THE NEP.

IN THIS CONNECTION, HE HOPED ALL CAPABLE PARTY MEMBERS WOULD BE TAKEN BACK INTO THE FOLD TO HELP ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEP.

HE SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER AGAIN TO ENHANCE COOPERATION AND HELP AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, WITH THE HOPE THAT ALL HIS SUPPORTERS WERE TAKEN BACK TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND FACE THE VARIOUS CHALLENGES. -- BERNAMA

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