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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC 27 (BERNAMA) -- THE DETENTION OF DAP LEADERS LIM KIT SIANG AND KARPAL SINGH UNDER THE ISA HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY TWO YEARS, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI OR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD CONFIRMED TODAY.

DATUK SERI OR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO HOME MINISTER, TOLD REPORTERS THE EXTENSION WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE POLICE.

ENCIK LIM, THE DAP SECRETARY-GENERAL, AND ENCIK KARPAL SINGH, THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, AND 104 OTHERS WERE DETAINED IN A SECURITY SWOOP BEGINNING OCT 27 AFTER AUTHORITIES HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THEIR ACTIVITIES COULD THREATEN NATIONAL SECURITY. FIFTY-FIVE HAD SO FAR BEEN RELEASED IN BATCHES FROM NOV 20.

THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT (ISA) EMPOWERS THE HOME MINISTER TO EXTEND THE DETENTION PERIOD FOR A FURTHER TWO YEARS UPON EXPIRY OF THE INITIAL DETENTION PERIOD OF 60 DAYS.

THE INITIAL 60-DAY PERIOD OF DETENTION FOR ENCIK LIM AND ENCIK KARPAL SINGH, WHO WERE PICKED UP ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SECURITY SWOOP, ENDED YESTERDAY. -- MORE

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OTHERS PICKED UP ON OCT 27 WERE ENCIK LIM'S SON AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR KOTA MELAKA LIM GUAN ENG, ALIRAN PRESIDENT DR CHANDRA MUZAFFAR, MCA VICE-PRESIDENT CHAN KIT CHEE, MCA YOUTH HEAD DATUK YAP PLAN HON, UMNO YOUTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS IBRAHIMALI AND ENCIK TAJUDDIN ABDUL RAHMAN AS WELL AS SEVERAL LEADERS OF PAS AND SOCIAL AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED, ARE OR CHANDRA, ENCIK CHAN, DATUK YAP, ENCIK IBRAHIM AND ENCIK TAJUDDIN.

ASKED ABOUT THE REMAINING 91 DETAINEES? DATUK SERI OR MAHATHIR SAID THEIR POSITION WOULD BE KNOWN SOON WHEN THEIR TWO-MONTH INITIAL DETENTION PERIOD WAS UP . . . +WHETHER THEY WILL BE RELEASED, IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS OR DETAINED FURTHER+. -- MORE

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ASKED WHEN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA WILL RETURN TO WORK AFTER UNDERGOING HEART SURGERY IN LONDON RECENTLY? DATUK SERI OR MAHATHIR SAID THIS WAS STILL NOT CERTAIN.

HE SAID ENCIK GHAFAR HAD NOT YET INFORMED HIM WHEN HE WOULD BE RESUMING WORK.

+IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM IF HE WANTS TO STAY THERE LONGER,+ HE ADDED.

EARLIER, THE PRIME MINISTER AND DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKADRSITI HASMAH SPENT MORE THAN FIVE HOURS AT ANGKASAPURITO ATTEND THE INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING WEEK CELEBRATIONS.

THE EVENT IS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TV MALAYSIA, A DECADE OF COLOUR TV FACILITY AND THE 42ND ANNIVERSARY OF RADIO MALAYSIA AS WELL AS THE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT. -- BERNAMA
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