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KUALA LUMPUR , DEC 27 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI OR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TURNED MOVIE DIRECTOR TODAY , SHOUTING OUT THE FAMILIAR CALL FOR +LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION+ FOR A 10-MINUTE SEGMENT TO A FILEM NEGARA MOVIE.

AND TO ASSIST THE PRIME MINISTER IN HIS *NEW TASK+ WAS NONE OTHER THAN HIS WIFE, DATUK SERI DATIN PAOUKA DR SITIHASMAH, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE PARTICULAR SHOT.

THE EVENT WAS PART OF THE WEEK-LONG CELEBRATIONS AT ANGKASAPURI IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BROADCASTING AND INFORMATION WEEK WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAD LAUNCHED EARLIER.

NATIONAL FILM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (FINAS) DIRECTOR-GENERAL ZAIN HAMZAH HAD EARLIER PRESENTED THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR TO DATUK SERI OR MAHATHIR AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S CHAIR TO DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH.

AIDED BY MOVIE DIRECTOR OTHMAN HAFSHAM AND ARMED WITH THE MOVIE'S SCRIPT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SOON GOT DOWN TO HIS TASK AT DIRECTING VETERAN ACTOR HAJI ROOMAINOOR FOR THE SCENE. -- MORE

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+SCENE NINE TAKE ONE+, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH CALLED OUT AFTER DATUK SERI OR MAHATHIR HAD ORDERED +LIGHTS, SOUND AND CAMERA+.

NOT SATISFIED WITH THE DIALOGUE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SHOUTED +CUT+ AND ORDERED THE SHOT RETAKEN.

ONLY AFTER HE WAS SURE THAT THE SCENE HAD BEEN SHOT WELL, DID THE DIRECTOR CALLED FOR A BREAK.

ACCOMPANIED BY INFORMATION MINISTER DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT, THE PRIME MINISTER THEN VISITED EXHIBITS PUT UP BY THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE MINISTRY, INCLUDING BERNAMA.

SERNAMA EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AHMAD REJAL ARBEE HAD EARLIER PRESENTED TO DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AN ALBUM CONTAINING PICTURES OF THE PRIME MINISTER TAKEN BY THE NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY SINCE HE ASSUMED OFFICE IN 1981. -- MORE

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IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CELEBRATIONS, THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO UNVEILED RTM'S NEW LOGO.

HE ALSO ATTENDED A 90-MINUTE PERFORMANCE BY POPULAR LOCAL AND GUEST ARTISTES AT RTM'S MAIN AUDITORIUM.

FORMER INFORMATION MINISTER DATUK SENU ABDUL RAHMAN WAS A SPECIAL GUEST AT THE OPENING' CEREMONY. -- BERNAMA

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