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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 29 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DATUK DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT SAID HE HAD RECEIVED A RESIGNATION LETTER FROM LORD PRESIDENT TUN MOHAMED SALLEH ABAS.

HOWEVER HE DID NOT SAY WHEN HE RECEIVED THE LETTER.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A DINNER HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARTI GERAKAN AT A HOTEL HERE, HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THE REASONS WHY TUN MOHAMED WAS RESIGNING.

HE SAID THE NEXT MOST SENIOR JUDGE WOULD BE APPOINTED AND THE POST WOULD BE FILLED AS SOON AS TUN MOHAMED SALLEH RESIGNED.

TUN MOHAMED SALLEH TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT HIS RESIDENCE HERE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO APPOINT A JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL TO REMOVE HIM FROM OFFICE. -- MORE/
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TUN MOHAMED SALLEH SAID HE HAD ATTENDED A MEETING CALLED BY THE PRIME MINISTER ON MONDAY DURING WHICH DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TOLD HIM THAT THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGUNG HAD DECIDED TO APPOINT A TRIBUNAL UNDER ARTICLE 125 (3) OF THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION TO REMOVE HIM FROM OFFICE.

ASKED WHEN THE TRIBUNAL WOULD BE APPOINTED THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IT HAD NOT BEEN SET UP. -- BERNAMA
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