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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 9 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY DISCUSSIONS CAN BE HELD BETWEEN HIM AND DATUK MUSA HITAM AT ANY TIME WITHOUT ANY CONDITION.

+WE HAVE NEVER CLOSED OUR DOORS ... IN FACT, DATUK MUSA ALWAYS MEETS ME AND WE HAVE LONG DISCUSSIONS,+ THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD REPORTERS AFTER CHAIRING THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT, WAS REPLYING TO A PROPOSAL BY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR JOHOR BAHRU DATUK SHAHRIR ABDUL SAMAD THAT HE (THE PRIME MINISTER), DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA, DATUK MUSA HITAM AND JENGGU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH +SIT DOWN AND TALK+ TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF DISUNITY AMONG THE MALAYS.

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS TODAY, DATUK MUSA HAD EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO MEET THE THREE LEADERS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID DATUK MUSA COULD MEET HIM AT ANY TIME AND THE DISCUSSIONS COULD BE HELD AMONG +FOUR PEOPLE, FIVE PEOPLE OR TWO PEOPLE.+ -- MORE

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+WE DO NOT WANT TO HAVE CONDITIONS,+ HE SAID WHEN ASKED ON THE NUMBER THAT SHOULD ATTEND THE DISCUSSIONS.

ASKED WHETHER DATUK MUSA HAD CONTACTED HIM ON THIS MATTER, HE SAID: +I HAVE ONLY READ ABOUT IT IN THE NEWSPAPERS.+

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO DENIED A REPORT BY AN INTERNATIONAL WEEKLY MAGAZINE THAT HE VISITED TAIWAN RECENTLY.

COMMENTING ON A FOREIGN NEWS AGENCY REPORT THAT CHINA HAD CRITICISED THE VISIT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER DATIN PADUKA RAFIDAH AZIZ TO TAIWAN, HE SAID THE VISIT WAS MERELY TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT.

+WE DO NOT WANT TO RECOGNISE THE TAIWANESE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE WE STILL HOLD TO THE ONE-CHINA POLICY,+ HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA  
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