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MAHATHIR-LETTER

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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 8 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THE LETTER OF OFFER TO JOIN THE CABINET HAS BEEN SENT TO SUA MUSANG MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TENGGU RAZALEISH HANZAH.

THE LETTER TO FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAH WOULD BE SENT SOON, HE TOLD REPORTERS AT THE DEEPAVALI OPEN HOUSE OF DEPUTY HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTER DATUK S. SUBRAMANIAM IN PETALING JAYA.

HE SAID THE LETTER TO TENGGU RAZALEISH WAS SIGNED BY HIM. HE DECLINED TO SAY WHEN IT WAS SENT.

SO FAR THERE HAD BEEN NO RESPONSE TO THE LETTER, HE TOLD REPORTERS WHEN ATTENDING WORKS MINISTER DATUK S. SAMY VELLU'S OPEN HOUSE AT A HOTEL HERE.

ASKED WHETHER IT WAS A +FORMAL+ LETTER HE SAID: +I DON'T KNOW YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK THEM. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT IT IS FORMAL.+ -- MORE

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MAHATHIR-LETTER 2 KUALA LUMPUR (REPEAT WITH CORRECTION IN SECOND PARA)

THE PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO PRESIDENT MADE THE INVITATION TO DATUK MUSA AND TENGGU RAZALEISH TO JOIN THE CABINET AS MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO IN HIS CLOSING ADDRESS AT THE THREE-DAY UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OCT 30.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON SATURDAY'S MEETING BETWEEN JOHOR MENTERI BESAR TAN SRI MUHYIDDIN YASSIN AND DATUK MUSA IN SINGAPORE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE NOT RECEIVED ANY REPORT ON THE MEETING.

ASKED BY REPORTERS WHETHER HE WILL ATTEND WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE +MALAY UNITY CONGRESS+ SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEKEND, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID: +I HAVE ALREADY SAID WHAT I THINK ABOUT IT.+

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE AFTER OPENING THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OCT 28, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD SAID THAT AS LONG AS THERE WERE PEOPLE WANTING TO SHOW OFF THEIR CALIBRE BY ORGANISING UNITY CONGRESSES OR SETTING UP PARTIES TO RIVAL UMNO, DISUNITY AMONG THE MALAYS WOULD STILL CONTINUE. -- MORE

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MAHATHIR-LETTER 3 KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK MUSA AND HIS WIFE DATIN ZULAIKHA WERE AT DATUK SUBRAMANIAM'S HOUSE WHEN DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAN ARRIVED AT ABOUT 1PM.

HOWEVER THEY WERE SEATED IN DIFFERENT PLACES -- THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE INSIDE IN THE HOUSE AND DATUK MUSA AND HIS WIFE OUTSIDE, UNDERNEATH A TENT ERECTED SPECIALLY FOR THE DEEPAVALI FUNCTION.

AT THE OPEN HOUSE HOSTED BY DATUK SAMY VELLU AND HIS WIFE DATIN INDRANI, THE PRIME MINISTER WAS GIVEN THE HONOUR OF CUTTING A DEEPAVALI CAKE.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE INCLUDING MINISTERS, DEPUTY MINISTERS AND HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE CAME TO THE OPEN HOUSE FROM 9AM TO 3PM. -- BERNAMA

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