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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 19 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CONFIRMED THAT TAN SRI ABUL HAMID OMAR HAD BEEN APPOINTED LORD PRESIDENT.

THE APPOINTMENT WAS MADE BY THE CONFERENCE OF RULERS AT ITS RECENT MEETING AT ISTANA NEGARA HERE, HE SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE +PAMERAN PATRIOT DAN NEGARANAN+, AN EXHIBITION IN HONOUR OF THE LATE TUN SIR HENRY H.S. LEE AT MUZIUM NEGARA.

THE TWO-DAY 145TH RULERS' CONFERENCE ON NOV 9 WAS CHAIRED BY THE RAJA OF PERLIS.

TAN SRI HAMID, 59, WAS APPOINTED ACTING LORD PRESIDENT ON JUNE 1 FOLLOWING THE SUSPENSION OF TUN MOHAMED SALIH ABAS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID TAN SRI HAMID WOULD RECOMMEND HIS SUCCESSOR AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF MALAYA TO THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG THROUGH THE PRIME MINISTER. -- MORE  
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ASKED WHETHER THE LORD PRESIDENT HAD DONE SO, HE REPLIED: + GIVE HIM TIME. HE HAS JUST BEEN APPOINTED.+

TUN SALIH WAS LATER DISMISSED AS LORD PRESIDENT ON AUG 8 AFTER A TRIBUNAL FOUND HIM GUILTY OF GROSS MISBEHAVIOUR.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS ALSO NON-COMMITTAL WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON WHETHER THERE WAS ANY TRUTH IN RUMOURS OF A CABINET RESHUFFLE.

A REPORT WHICH APPEARED IN A BAHASA MALAYSIA TABLOID TODAY SAID UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT DATUK ABDULLAH BAGAWI WAS EXPECTED TO JOIN THE CABINET AS INFORMATION MINISTER, TAKING OVER FROM DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT.

THE PRIME MINISTER, IT WAS REPORTED, WOULD VACATE THE HOME MINISTER POST FOR DATUK MOHAMED. REGARDING THIS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID: + (IT WAS) YOU ALL WHO STARTED THE RUMOURS.+ --  
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