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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 21 (BERNAMA) -- FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM SAID TODAY HE HAS NOT REPLIED TO PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD'S OFFER TO HIM TO JOIN HIS CABINET.

+I WILL REPLY THE LETTER IN A SHORT WHILE,+ HE TOLD BERNAMA AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

+MY REPLY IS ALREADY KNOWN TO EVERYONE BUT I HAVE TO TAKE SOME TIME TO EXPLAIN MY STAND TO DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR,+ SAID DATUK MUSA WHO HAD INDICATED HE WOULD NOT TAKE UP THE OFFER.

+I WILL SURELY REPLY THE OFFER LETTER AND MOST LIKELY IN A FEW DAYS TIME, HE SAID.

DATUK MUSA, WHO IS MP FOR KOTA TINGGI, SAID THE OFFER LETTER DID NOT GIVE ANY TIME LIMIT FOR HIM TO MAKE THE REPLY. -- MORE

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ASKED WHETHER HE WAS WAITING TO REPLY THE LETTER TOGETHER WITH FORMER TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER TENGGU RAZALEISH HANZAH WHO WAS ALSO OFFERED A CABINET POST, DATUK MUSA SAID HE LEARNT THAT TENGGU RAZALEISH HAD ALREADY SENT THE REPLY TO DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR.

THE PRIME MINISTER MADE THE OFFER AT THE END OF THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST MONTH. -- BERNAMA

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