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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC 1 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK MUSA HITAM HAS OFFICIALLY  
TURNED DOWN PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD'S  
INVITATION TO JOIN THE CABINET AS MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO.

HE TOLD REPORTERS AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE TODAY THAT HIS REPLY WAS  
DESPATCHED TO THE PRIME MINISTER YESTERDAY.

DATUK MUSA SAID IN THE LETTER HE HAD STATED THAT HE WAS UNABLE  
TO ACCEPT THE OFFER BECAUSE HE FELT THE SOURCE OF MALAY DISUNITY WAS  
THE PARTY AND NOT THE GOVERNMENT.

THE OFFER WAS MADE BY DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AT THE OCTOBER UMNO  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE INTEREST OF MALAY UNITY.

TENGGU RAJALEISH HANZAH, WHO WAS ALSO OFFERED A SIMILAR POST,  
HAD ALSO TURNED IT DOWN. -- BERNAMA

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