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PASIR SUDANG, DEC 3 (BERNAMA) -- MP FOR KOTA TINGGI DATUK MUSA HITAM SAID HE HAD ALREADY EXPLAINED WHY HE REJECTED PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMED'S RECENT OFFER TO HIM TO REJOIN THE CABINET.

+IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF MY REPLY TO THE OFFER I HAVE ALREADY EXPLAINED TO HIM WHAT IS STILL UNCLEAR. I CANNOT ACCEPT THE OFFER BECAUSE I LONG FOR UNITY WITHIN THE PARTY BECAUSE IT IS THE PARTY THAT IS SPLIT AND NOT THE GOVERNMENT.+ HE SAID AT A GATHERING TO MARK PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S BIRTHDAY AT TANAM AIR BIRU HERE LAST NIGHT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT, AT THE CLOSE OF THE PARTY GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN OCTOBER OFFERED POSTS OF MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO TO DATUK MUSA AND MP FOR GUA MUSANG TENGGU RAJALEISH HANZAH FOR THE SAKE OF MALAY UNITY.

WHEN APPROACHED BY REPORTERS LATER DATUK MUSA, A FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, REFUSED TO COMMENT FURTHER ON HIS LETTER.

ON HIS MEETING WITH JOHOR MENTERI BESAR TAN SRI HAJI MUHYIDDIN YASSIN, DATUK MUSA SAID + HE MET AT MY HOUSE IN KUALA LUMPUR LAST NIGHT AND EXCHANGED VIEWS IN AN AMICABLE ATMOSPHERE+

+WE DISCUSSED ABOUT WHAT CAN BE DONE IN JOHOR AND WAYS TO OVERCOME THE PREVALENT DISUNITY.+ HE SAID.

DATUK MUSA REFUSED TO ELABORATE ADDING THAT + I DON'T WANT TO TALK MUCH BECAUSE WHATEVER PLANS THERE ARE, THEY WILL NEVER BE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED IF DONE THROUGH THE PRESS+. -- BERNAMA
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