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REPETITION CORRECTING SPELLING IN FIRST PARAGRAPH

MAHATHIR-RAZALEIGH

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GUA MUSANG, AUG 24 (BERNAMA) -- THE OFFER OF A MINISTERIAL POST TO FORMER TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH HAD LAPSED LONG AGO, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THIS HAPPENED QUITE SOME TIME AGO AND THE EXISTING OFFER WAS TO ALL MALAYS TO JOIN UMNO.

+MY ONLY OFFER NOW (TO TENGKU RAZALEIGH) IS TO JOIN THE PARTY,+ HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE GUA MUSANG UMNO DIVISION DELEGATES MEETING HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD MADE THE OFFER AS UMNO PRESIDENT IN HIS SPEECH AT THE CLOSE OF THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST OCT 30.

ASKED ON THE SIMILAR OFFER TO FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM, HE SAID: + HE (DATUK MUSA) HAS BECOME AN UMNO MEMBER

..... WE DON'T HAVE TO OFFER+, -- MORE

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MAHATHIR-RAZALEIGH 2 GUA MUSANG

EARLIER, IN HIS SPEECH, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID UMNO'S STRENGTH AS THE BARISAN NASIONAL'S BACKBONE HAD NOT ONLY BENEFITED THE MALAYS.

THE OTHER RACES TOO ENJOYED THE PROSPERITY BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE NATION'S STABILITY, HE SAID.

+THE MALAYS MUST ENSURE THAT UMNO IS STRONG AS IT IS VITAL THAT UMNO REMAINS THE BN'S PILLAR OF STRENGTH,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT SUPPORT OTHER SPLINTER GROUPS SO THAT THE BARISAN NASIONAL COULD WIN THE GENERAL ELECTION AND CONCENTRATE AGAIN ON DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

HE URGED MALAYS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO GIVE PRIORITY TO FOSTERING OF UNITY AND INJECTING NEW VIGOUR LIKE WHEN THEY OPPOSED THE BRITISH COLONIALISTS FOR TRYING TO SET UP THE MALAYAN UNION.

HE SAID, THE MALAY STATES IN THE OLDEN DAYS WERE EASILY COLONIALISED BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT TO UNITE UNDER A FEDERATION BUT WERE VERY PAROCHIAL.--MORE

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MAHATHIR-RAZALEIGH 3 GUA MUSANG

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR URGED MALAYS INCLUDING THOSE SUPPORTING SPLINTER GROUPS TO JOIN UMNO WITHOUT INHIBITIONS AND SINCERELY SUPPORT ITS STRUGGLE.

HE SAID, UMNO WAS NOW PUTTING ASIDE PAST FRICTIONS AND HAD IN FACT READMITTED SEVERAL LEADERS INTO ITS SUPREME COUNCIL FOR THE SAKE OF MALAY UNITY.

+ALTHOUGH UNHAPPY OVER THEIR PAST ACTIONS, PERSONAL SENTIMENTS COULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO MALAY UNITY,+ HE SAID.

ON TUSSELE FOR PARTY POSTS, HE SAID, IT HAD BEEN UMNO'S TRADITION THAT IT DID NOT FEATURE FIGHT FOR TOP POSTS AS THIS COULD RESULT IN A MAJOR SPLIT IN THE PARTY.

+IF THE SPLIT IS AT GRASSROOT LEVEL, IT CAN STILL BE REFERRED TO THE SUPERIOR LEVEL . . . BUT IF THE SPLIT ITSELF TAKES PLACE AT THE TOP, THERE IS NO PLACE TO REFER IT TO (IN SEEKING FOR A SOLUTION),+ HE SAID.

HE SAID, ALTHOUGH THE PARTY WAS STILL SPLIT, IT WAS ONLY MINOR AND MANY HAD REALISED AND REJECTED THE PART 1 SEMANGAT 46. -- MORE

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MAHATHIR-RAZALEIGH 4 GUA HUSANG

HE SAID THE PART1 SEMANGAT 46 CAME ABOUT OUT OF MALAY **DISUNITY** BUT THE SPIRIT THAT PREVAILED IN THAT YEAR THEN HAD ACTUALLY EVOKED FROM UNITY **OF MALAYS** THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WHO WERE AGAINST COLONIALISM.

THE PRIME MINISTER **CRITICISED** TENGKU RAZALEIGH WHO AS FINANCE MINISTER THEN HAD RESORTED TO **SUBSTANTIAL** FOREIGN BORROWINGS PURPORTEDLY FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES BUT ACTUALLY FOR SELF POPULARITY.

DATUK **SERI** DR MAHATHIR HOPED UMNO IN GUA **MUSANG** WOULD RETURN TO ITS FORMER POSITION AS THE STRONGEST IN KELANTAN SO AS TO GUARANTEE VICTORY FOR BN CANDIDATES IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

IN HIS SPEECH KELANTAN MENTERI BESAR TAN SRI HAJI MOHAMED YAACOB SAID THE PROPOSED PACT BETWEEN OPPOSITION PARTIES UNDER THE+ ANGKATAN PERPADUAN **UMMAH(APU)**, WAS ONLY A TEMPORARY COLLABORATION WHICH WOULD DISINTERGRATE SOON.

HE DENIED ALLEGATIONS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD NEGLECTED THE STATE IN TERMS OF **DEVELOPMENT** WHEREAS IN FACT THE FEDERAL ALLOCATION FOR KELANTAN WAS THE THIRD LARGEST.-- MORE
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MAHATHIR-RAZALEIGH 5 GUA MUSANG

GUA HUSANG UMNO DIVISION CHIEF DATUK **HAJI** ARIFFIN SAID SAID SO FAR THE DIVISION HAS 11,159 MEMBERS FROM 102 BRANCHES.

DATUK **HAJI ARIFFIN**, A **FORMER** MENTERI BESAR SAID ALL POSTS IN THE DIVISION WERE UNCONTESTED.

THE **UMNO** DIVISION HERE WILL BUILD ITS OWN BUILDING IN THE GUA HUSANG NEW TOWN.

EARLIER, DATUK **SERI** DR MAHATHIR AND DATUK **SERI DATIN** PADUKA DR **SITI HASMAH MOHAMADALI** WERE ACCORDED A ROUSING WELCOME BY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE INCLUDING WOMEN BEARING THE +. **PULUTBUNGA TELUR+** AND SILAT GROUPS..

ALSO PRESENT WERE DEPUTY MENTERI BESAR DATUK **AHMAD** RASTOH DATUK **AHMAD MAHER**, DEPUTY HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTER SENATOR HAJI HUSSEIN **AHMAD**, DEPUTY AGRICULTURE MINISTER ENCIK **KASIM AHMED**, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE INFORMATION MINISTRY DATUK HAJI **DUSUKIAHMAD** AND LEADERS OF OTHER BN COMPONENT. PARTIES.

LATER, DATUK **SERI** DR MAHATHIR WHO IS BN CHAIRMAN MET WITH GUA **MUSANG MCA** LEADERS.-- BERNAMA
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