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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 12 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ISSUE REGARDING THE POSITION OF SELANGOR HENTERI BESAR TAN SRI MUHAMMAD HAJI MUHAMMAD TAIB NEEDS AN INDEPTH STUDY.

+AS A RESPONSIBLE MAN, I HAVE TO SEEK WAYS TO RESOLVE THE MATTER WHICH THE SULTAN OF SELANGOR HAD ALREADY BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION,+ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT SUBANG ON HIS RETURN FROM THE NINTH NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT SUMMIT IN BELGRADE, HE SAID THE SULTAN HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH HIM LAST MONTH.

YESTERDAY, THE SULTAN SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED TO THE PRIME MINISTER THE POSITION OF THE MENTERI BESAR ON AUG 29.

WITHOUT ELABORATING ON HOW HE WOULD SETTLE THE MATTER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE HAD ALSO DISCUSSED WITH TAN SRI MUHAMMAD ON WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED. -- MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER DECLINED TO ELABORATE ON WHEN HE MET THE MENTERI BESAR BUT MERELY SAID: + WE HAVE MET+.

AT THE OUTSET OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHEN ASKED TO ELABORATE ON TAN SRI MUHAMMAD'S FUTURE, HE SAID: +I'VE JUST RETURNED HOME.FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD HE (MENTERI BESAR) IS ON LEAVE.+

TAN SRI MUHAMMAD HAD INVOKED THE SULTAN'S DISPLEASURE FOLLOWING HIS MARRIAGE TO HIS DAUGHTER TENGKU PUTERI ZAHARIAH WITHOUT THE SULTAN'S KNOWLEDGE.

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HOWEVER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHEN ASKED TO ELABORATE ON HIS AUDIENCE WITH THE SULTAN, LATER SAID THE SULTAN WOULD NORMALLY INFORM HIM OF IMPORTANT MATTERS WHICH HE SHOULD KNOW AS CHIEF OF THE EXECUTIVE.

HE SAID FOLLOWING THAT MEETING, IT WAS INCUMBENT UPON HIM, AS A RESPONSIBLE PERSONS DISPLEASURE FOLLOWING HIS MARRIAGE TO HIS DAUGHTER TENGKU PUTERI ZAHARIAH WITHOUT THE SULTAN'S KNOWLEDGE.

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+I NEED **TIME** TO THINK OF THE BEST WAY TO RESOLVE THE **PROBLEM**,+
SAID THE PRIHE MINISTER.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR DECLINED TO GIVE HIS PERSONAL VIEW ON THE
HORALITY OF THE HENTERI BESAR'S ACTION.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY THE SULTAN OF SELANGOR HAD SAID
HE WAS LEAVING IT ENTIRELY TO THE PRIME HINISTER'S DISCRETION TO
DECIDE ON TAN SRI HUHAAHAD'S POSITION.

THE SULTAN HAD SAID **IF TAN SRI MUHAMMAD** REMAINED AS HENTERI
BESAR, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEM WOULD BE DISTANT AS + I CAN NO
LONGER SPEAK AND SIT NEXT TO **HIM**+.

THE SULTAN ALSO DESCRIBED HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH TAN SRI HUHAAHAD
NOW AS BEING LIKE **+SHATTERED GLASS+**.

TAN SRI HUHAAHAD AND TENGKU **PUTERI ZAHARIAH** HAS A **SON** FROM THEIR
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MEANWHILE, A DELEGATION FROM THE **HULU SELANGOR UHNO** DIVISION LED
BY ITS VICE-CHIEF HARHAINI HAJI OHAR WHICH PLANNED TO SUBMIT A
HEHORANDUH IN SUPPORT OF THE HENTERI BESAR, HISSED THE **PRIME**
MINISTER BECAUSE OF **MISTIMING**.

THE PRIHE MINISTER AND HIS DELEGATION ARRIVED AN HOUR EARLIER
THAN ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED.

THE UHNO DELEGATION ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT AT 4PH BUT BY THEN
DATUK SERI DR HAHATHIR HAD ALREADY LEFT FOR SERI **PERDANA**. -- BERNAMA
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