

CORRECTED REPETITION:

MAHATHIR-BANKRUPT

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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 14 (BERNAMA)-- THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL TODAY DIRECTED THE PASIR SALAK AND BUKIT GANTANG UMNO DIVISIONS, BOTH IN PERAK, TO HOLD FRESH DELEGATES' MEETINGS FOLLOWING ELECTION OF BANKRUPTS AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT THEIR RECENT MEETINGS.

THE COUNCIL ALSO RULED THAT PERSONS DECLARED BANKRUPT AFTER ELECTION TO DIVISIONAL COMMITTEES MUST RESIGN. THE VACANCIES SHOULD BE FILLED BY CANDIDATES WHO OBTAINED THE NEXT HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES.

UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAID FRESH ELECTIONS ARE NECESSARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS UNDER THE SOCIETIES ACT TO ENSURE FAIRNESS TO ALL.

+IF THOSE DECLARED BANKRUPT HOLD ANY POSTS, THEY SHOULD RESIGN ON THEIR OWN ACCORD AND WE SHALL ALSO TELL THEM TO,+ HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER CHAIRING A SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING AT MENARA DATUK ONN, PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE HERE.

THE SOCIETIES ACT PROHIBITS BANKRUPTS FROM HOLDING ANY POST IN ANY ORGANISATION. -- MORE

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HE SAID ELECTION OF A NEW COMMITTEE WAS NECESSARY IF THE MEETING CHAIRMAN HIMSELF WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS CONDUCT, HAS BEEN DECLARED A BANKRUPT.

+IF THE CHAIRMAN HIMSELF IS NOT QUALIFIED TO CHAIR THE MEETING, THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING IS ILLEGAL AND A FRESH MEETING MUST BE HELD,+ SAID THE PRIME MINISTER.

HE SAID SO FAR ONLY TWO DIVISIONS WERE REQUIRED TO HOLD FRESH ELECTIONS AND THE SUPREME COUNCIL WAS INVESTIGATING THREE OR FOUR MORE DIVISIONS HAVING SIMILAR PROBLEMS.

ON CATEGORY A GOVERNMENT SERVANTS HOLDING PARTY POSTS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO DECIDE TO EITHER GIVE UP THEIR PARTY POSTS OR THEIR JOBS IN THE GOVERNMENT.

+WE WANT THEM TO JOIN THE PARTY BUT THE COUNTRY'S LAWS BAR THEM AND (BECAUSE) OUR CONSTITUTION IS NOT ABOVE THE LAWS, WE MUST THEREFORE ABIDE BY THEM,+ HE SAID. -- MORE

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HE SAID IF LAWS WERE IGNORED HE FEARED THAT CERTAIN ELEMENTS WITH ILL INTENTION WOULD TAKE THE HATTER THE COURT WHICH COULD RESULT IN UMNO BEING DECLARED ILLEGAL AGAIN.

HE SAID THIS POSSIBILITY MUST BE AVOIDED BY ADVISING GOVERNMENT OFFICERS IN THE A CATEGORY NOT TO HOLD ANY POSTS IN THE PARTY.

ON THE GERTAK MERAH BRANCH'S REFUSAL TO READMIT JOHOR BAHRU HP DATUK SHAHRIR ABDUL SAMAD, HE SAID BRANCHES AND DIVISIONS HAVE NO RIGHT TO REJECT ANY MEMBER AS THE SUPREME COUNCIL HAD, AT ITS LAST MEETING, DECIDED THAT ALL APPLICATIONS TO JOIN UMNO BE ACCEPTED.

THE DECISION COVERED APPLICATIONS BY FORMER MEMBERS. BRANCHES AND DIVISIONS HAVE NO RIGHT NOT TO RECOGNISE THEIR MEMBERSHIP, HE SAID.

HE SAID TODAY'S MEETING DID NOT DISCUSS THE OFFER OF A SUPREME COUNCIL POST TO DATUK SHAHRIR. -- MORE

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HAHATHIR-BANKRUPT 4 KUALA LUHPUR

ON FORMER DEPUTY **PRIME MINISTER** DATUK HUSA **HITAM'S** APPOINTMENT AS A **HESER** OF THE **HALAYSIAN DELEGATION** TO NEXT MONTH'S UNITED NATIONS GENERAL **ASSEMBLY**, THE **PRIHE MINISTER SAID**, +HE IS AN UHNO HEHBER. HE CAN DO A SPECIFIC JOB. WE LET HIH DO IT. WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?+

DATUK SERI DR HAHATHIR DESCRIBED **MEDIA** REPORTS THAT DATUK HUSA WAS BEING **+REHABILITATED+** AS HERE INTERPRETATION BY THE NEWSPAPER CONCERNED.

ON WHETHER DATUK HUSA HAS BEEN OFFERED A **MINISTERIAL POST**, HE SAID SO FAR THE CABINET HAS NOT MADE ANY DECISION.

ON PRESS REPORTS THAT 6UA **MUSANG HP TENKURAZALEIGH** HAHZAH WANTED TO JOIN UHNO THROUGH **+A THIRD PARTY+**, DATUK SERI DR HAHATHIR SAID UHNO IS OPEN TO ALL BUT HE SAID THE PARTY COULD DO WITHOUT PEOPLE BENT ON DESTROYING IT.

HP FOR KOK LANAS DATUK ABDULLAH **AHMAD** WAS REPORTED AS HAVING SAID YESTERDAY THAT HE WAS **INFORMED** OF **TENKURAZALEIGH'S** INTENTION TO RETURN TO UHNO'S FOLD. -- MORE

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THE **PRIHE MINISTER** SAID THE **SUPREME COUNCIL** WHICH MET FOR THREE HOURS SINCE 10 AH TODAY TOUCHED HAINLY ON PARTY ADMINISTRATION AND THE STATE OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND POLITICAL STABILITY.

ON **ECONOMY**, THE **PRIME MINISTER** SAID THE **SUPREME COUNCIL** WAS CONCERNED OVER THE RELUCTANCE OF CITIZENS TO GRAB GOOD-PAYING JOBS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR AND CERTAIN OTHER FIELDS.

HE SAID SO LONG AS LOCAL PEOPLE SHY AWAY **FROM** THESE JOBS, MORE FOREIGNERS WOULD COME TO WORK IN THE COUNTRY AND TAKE HOME THE RETURNS.

THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT STOP FOREIGNERS **FROM COMING** AS MALAYSIA HAS LONG **COASTLINES**, HE SAID.

FOREIGNERS WOULD NOT COHE IF LOCAL CITIZENS HAVE TAKEN UP THESE **OPPORTUNITIES**, HE SAID.

ASKED HOW THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO GET THE PEOPLE TO CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDES CONCERNING SUCH JOBS, DATUK SERI DR HAHATHIR SAID: **+PERHAPS WE CAN LEAVE THIS TO THE PRESS TO WRITE MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ARTICLES (ABOUT SUCH JOB OPPORTUNITIES).**+ -- **BERNAMA**

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