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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 7 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT AND UMNO ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THE MIC PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION BUT COULD NOT PREVENT THEMSELVES FROM BEING DRAGGED INTO IT, SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD.

HE SAID GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS FOR INSTANCE ON ASSISTANCE TO THE MIC-RUN COLLEGE IN SEREMBAN, MIGHT BE USED IN THE CAMPAIGNING TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS WAS ACHIEVED BY +SOME SIDES+.

THIS IS A NORMAL AID APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE OCT 13 ELECTION, HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER CHAIRING AN UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING HERE TODAY.

ON WHETHER HE WOULD ASK MIC LEADERS NOT TO DRAG THE GOVERNMENT OR UMNO INTO THE ELECTION, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT SAID, THE SAME THING HAPPENED IN UMNO.-- MORE  
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+IF I WERE TO ASK THEM TO STOP... IN UMNO ITSELF WHEN THERE IS ELECTION, THE SAME THING HAPPENS... HOW CAN WE TELL OTHERS?+, HE SAID.

HE SAID IT COULD NOT BE STOPPED AS EVEN IN GENERAL ELECTION HIS NAME WAS OFTEN MADE USE OF.

+HOW AM I TO STOP IT?+ HE SAID.

ON TODAY'S SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IT ONLY DISCUSSED INTERNAL MATTERS WITHOUT INVOLVING +OTHERS+.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE SAID, IT DISCUSSED ABOUT FRESH DELEGATES' MEETINGS FOR SEVERAL DIVISIONS WHOSE ORIGINAL MEETINGS WERE, NULLIFIED FOLLOWING ELECTION OF BANKRUPT PERSONS AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

HE SAID THE COUNCIL HAS AGREED TO ALLOW THESE DIVISIONS TO ISSUE SHORT NOTICE TO HOLD FRESH DELEGATES' MEETINGS BEFORE THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINNING NOV 16.-- MORE  
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ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HE SAID, AS USUAL ITS MAIN FOCUS WOULD BE ON THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE MALAYS.

ON WHETHER THE ASSEMBLY WOULD AMEND PARTY CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR THE ELECTION OF UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA LEADERS AND NOT APPOINTED AS AT PRESENT, HE SAID SO FAR THERE WAS NO PLAN TO DO SO.

ON WHETHER UMNO PLANS TO USE AGAIN THE PARTY CONSTITUTION PROMULGATED IN 1946, HE SAID IT COULD NO LONGER BE USED AS IT HAD BEEN AMENDED OVER 10 TIMES.

+TO US, THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION IS ACTUALLY UMNO'S CONSTITUTION AFTER IT HAS BEEN ADAPTED TO THE CURRENT SITUATION,+ HE SAID. --  
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