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KUALA LUMPUR, JAN 13 (BERNAMA) -- UMNO HAS REGISTERED A TOTAL OF 1,032,308 MEMBERS SO FAR WITH AN AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP INCREASE OF 80 PERCENT IN ALL STATES COMPARED WITH ITS PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THE UMNO PRESIDENT SAID THE NUMBER ONLY REPRESENTED THOSE REGISTERED BY PARTY HEADQUARTERS AND EXCLUDED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS STILL WITH THE STATE, DIVISIONAL AND BRANCH LEVELS OF THE PARTY.

THESE APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP HAD YET TO BE REGISTERED, HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE MEMBERSHIP WOULD SWELL WHEN ALL THE FORMS HAD BEEN DEALT WITH.

DATUK SERI O R MAHATHIR WHO IS THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER CHAIRING A THREE-HOUR MEETING OF THE PARTY'S SUPREME COUNCIL AT UMNO HEADQUARTERS HERE.

AMONG THE STATES, TERENGGANU ATTRACTED THE LARGEST NUMBER OF MEMBERS, 99,303 FROM 59,349 PREVIOUSLY. -- MORE
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TERENGGANU RECORDED A 167 PERCENT MEMBERSHIP INCREASE, KEDAH 103 PERCENT, WHILE OTHER STATES HAD BETWEEN 84 AND 93 PERCENT MORE MEMBERS THAN BEFORE.

HE SAID THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS REGISTERED IN FOUR UMNO DIVISIONS -- Baling, Kuala Nerus, Karang and Dunsun -- MORE THAN DOUBLED THE PREVIOUS FIGURES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID TWO OF THE FIVE EX-UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS WHOM THE PARTY HAD OFFERED TO REINSTATE HAD REPLIED TO THE OFFER LETTERS.

OF THE TWO WHO RESPONDED, DATUK SHAHRIR SAHAD INDICATED HE WOULD ONLY ACCEPT THE OFFER WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS WHILE DATUK RADZI SHEIKH AHMAD HAD REJECTED IT.

THE UMNO PRESIDENT SAID THE OTHER THREE, DATUK ZAINAL ABDIN ZIN, PUAN MARINA YUSOF AND DATIN PADUKA RAHMAH OSMAN HAD YET TO RESPOND.

HE SAID THE COUNCIL ALSO DECIDED TO UNCONDITIONALLY APPROVE THE APPLICATION FROM MP FOR TANJUNG KARANG, DATUK HAJI KAMARULZAMAN AHMAD, TO REJOIN UMNO. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI O R MAHATHIR SAID TODAY'S MEETING ALSO DECIDED TO FORM A DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY DEPUTY PRESIDENT SHAFAR BABA WITH THE VICE-PRESIDENTS, SECRETARY-GENERAL AND INFORMATION CHIEF AS MEMBERS.

BEFORE THE MEETING BEGAN, SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS OFFERED PRAYERS FOR FORMER PERAK MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI KAMARUDDIN ISA WHO DIED OF A STROKE HERE YESTERDAY. -- BERNAMA
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