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ALOR SETAR, APRIL 30, (BERNAMA) -- DATUK **SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD** TODAY REMINDED CERTAIN GROUPS NOT TO ~~TURN THE HUME INDUSTRIES~~ MALAYSIA BERHAD (HUME) AND THE MULTI-PURPOSE HOLDINGS BERHAD (MPHB) ISSUE INTO A RACIAL MATTER. ②

THE PRIME MINISTER, SAYING HE WAS FED-UP WITH THE GROUPS' UNCEASING COMMENTS ON RACIALISM, ADVISED THEM TO STOP HARPING ON RACIAL MATTERS AND INSTEAD FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION ON BUSINESS.

+THEY HAVE IGNORED MY ADVICE ON THIS MATTER AND, FRANKLY, I AM FED-UP WITH THE SUBJECT,+ HE SAID WHEN ASKED BY REPORTERS AT THE SULTAN ABDUL HALIM AIRPORT HERE BEFORE DEPARTING FOR KUALA LUMPUR.

THE HUME-MPHB ISSUE CAME ABOUT FOLLOWING HUME'S OFFER EARLIER THIS MONTH TO TAKE OVER MPH6. HUME IS OFFERING TO TAKE OVER THE ENTIRE MPH6 PAID-UP CAPITAL AT \$1.50 PER SHARE.

HUME'S BID TURNED INTO CONTROVERSY AFTER MCA DESCRIBED THE MOVE AS A CHALLENGE TO THE CHINESE' BUSINESS POSITION. MPH6 IS AN INVESTMENT ARM OF THE PARTY, --MORE
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AMONG THOSE PRESENT TO BID FAREWELL TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND WIFE WERE KEDAH MENTERI BESAR DATUK **SERI HAJI OSMAN AROFF** AND PERLIS MENTERI BESAR DR ABDUL **HAMID PAWANTEH**.

EARLIER, DATUK **SERI DR MAHATHIR** AND DATUK **SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH** DID SOME SHOPPING AT THE PEKAN RABU COMPLEX HERE.

HE BOUGHT SALTED FISH AND FRUITS.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO TOURED THE COMPLEX'S EXTENSION PROJECT.

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