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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 14 (BERNAMA) -- NEWLY ELECTED BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR BENTUNG DATUK LIM AH LEK WILL MOST LIKELY BE APPOINTED AS A CABINET MINISTER, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HE SAID DATUK LIM WOULD PROBABLY BE APPOINTED AS THE HEALTH MINISTER IN VIEW OF HIS QUALIFICATIONS AND LONG POLITICAL EXPERIENCE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TOLD REPORTERS THIS WHEN ATTENDING A HARI RAYA OPEN HOUSE HELD BY INFORMATION MINISTER DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT AT A HOTEL HERE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID: +ALTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN SERVING AT THE STATE-LEVEL IN THE PAST, I AM CONFIDENT HE IS CAPABLE OF DISCHARGING THIS DUTY+.

HE SAID FURTHER DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE MATTER WOULD BE HELD WITH MCA PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR LING LIONG SIK. -- MORE  
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WHEN ASKED WHETHER AN UNDERSTANDING ON THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH DATUK SERI DR LING, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID +THE MATTER HAS MORE OR LESS BEEN CONFIRMED+.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED WITH DATUK LIM'S VICTORY IN THE BENTUNG BY-ELECTION YESTERDAY.

HE SAID IT WAS A RESOUNDING VICTORY WITH A GREATER MAJORITY THAN IN THE PREVIOUS GENERAL ELECTION AND AUGURED WELL FOR THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL STABILITY.

THE BENTUNG PARLIAMENTARY SEAT WAS LEFT VACANT ON THE SUDDEN DEATH OF HEALTH MINISTER TAN SRI CHAN SIANG SUN ON MARCH 21.

IN YESTERDAY'S BY-ELECTION DATUK LIM WON BY A MAJORITY OF 8,506 VOTES COMPARED TO THE LATE TAN SRI CHAN'S MAJORITY OF 6,722 VOTES IN THE 1986 GENERAL ELECTION. -- MORE  
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ON THE MTUC'S ALLEGATION THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO MEET THE CONGRESS IF THERE WAS A REQUEST FROM IT. -- BERNAMA  
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