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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 15 (BERNAMA) -- FORMER PRIME MINISTERS TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PUTRA AL-HAJ AND TUN HUSSEIN ONN AND FORMER AGRICULTURE MINISTER DATUK ABDUL MANAN OTHMAN HAVE DECIDED NOT TO PROCEED WITH THEIR APPEAL AGAINST A HIGH COURT DECISION STRIKING OUT THEIR SUIT FILED AGAINST UMNO PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AND THE PARTY SECRETARY-GENERAL, DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT.

THEY WITHDREW THEIR APPEAL THROUGH COUNSEL CIK CHRISTINA KOW. THE APPEAL WAS SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD BY THE SUPREME COURT TODAY.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF MALAYA TAN SRI HASHIM YEOP SANI WHO SAT WITH SUPREME COURT JUDGES DATUK MOHAMED YUSOF MOHAMED AND DATUK GUNN CHIT TUAN THEN ORDERED COST OF \$2,000 TO BE PAID TO THE RESPONDENTS.

IN THE SUIT FILED IN THE HIGH COURT, THE THREE HAD SOUGHT A PERMANENT INJUNCTION TO STOP UMNO BARU FROM RECRUITING MEMBERS, TRANSFERRING THE ASSETS OF THE OLD UMNO AND FROM MAKING STATEMENTS ABOUT THE THEN PROPOSED UMNO MALAYSIA.

HIGH COURT JUDGE DATUK AJAIB SINGH, IN STRIKING OUT THE SUIT, HELD THAT TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN, TUN HUSSEIN AND DATUK MANAN HAD NO REASONABLE CAUSE OR ACTION AGAINST DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT, WHO IS THE INFORMATION MINISTER, AND THAT THEIR CLAIMS WERE +ALTOGETHER FRIVOLOUS AND VEXATIOUS+. -- MORE
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MEANWHILE, FORMER PERAK STATE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER DATUK HAJI ABDUL MALIK HAJI AHMAD AND FORMER JOHOR MENTERI BESAR TAN SRI OTHMAN SAAT TODAY ALSO WITHDREW THEIR APPEAL AGAINST DATUK AJAIB SINGH'S DECISION REJECTING THEIR APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER OF CERTIORARI TO QUASH THE REGISTRAR OF SOCIETY'S DEREGISTRATION OF UMNO.

THE APPLICATION WAS REJECTED BY THE HIGH COURT ON MAY 14, LAST YEAR. -- BERNAMA
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