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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 2 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY BERJASA'S DECISION TO LEAVE THE BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) WILL NOT AFFECT THE COALITION'S STRENGTH AS IT IS ONLY A SMALL PARTY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS BN CHAIRMAN, SAID THE PARTY DID NOT HAVE A LARGE MEMBERSHIP.

THE PRIME MINISTER COMMENTED ON BERJASA'S DECISION TO QUIT THE COALITION ON MAY 28 WHILE VISITING UTUSAN MELAYU (MALAYSIA) BERHAD HEADQUARTERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEWSPAPER.

BERJASA LEFT THE BN TO WORK TOGETHER WITH PAS AND THE UMNO +SPLINTER+ GROUP IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

ASKED ON THE VACANCY IN THE CABINET FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HEALTH MINISTER TAN SRI CHAN SIANG SUN, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IT WOULD BE FILLED LATER. -- BERNAMA

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