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TANAH MERAH, JUNE 23 (BERNAMA) -- THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN KELANTAN IS HEADED FOR A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWING PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD'S AUDIENCE WITH THE SULTAN AT ISTANA MAHKOTA HERE LAST WEEK, MENTERI BESAR TAN SRI MOHAMED YAACOB SAID TODAY.

HE, HOWEVER, DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR'S MEETING WITH KELANTAN MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, SENATORS AND POLITICAL SECRETARIES TO MINISTERS FROM THE STATE IN KUALA LUMPUR YESTERDAY HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN UMNO AND THE PALACE.

REPORTERS HAD APPROACHED TAN SRI MOHAMED, WHO IS THE TANAH MERAH UMNO DIVISION CHIEF, FOR COMMENTS ON THE MATTER AFTER HE PRESENTED MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES TO HEADS OF UMNO BRANCHES IN THE DIVISION AT BATU GAJAH NEAR HERE.

DESPITE REPEATED QUESTIONS BY REPORTERS ON YESTERDAY'S MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, TAN SRI MOHAMED ONLY REPLIED THAT THE MEETING WAS CLOSED DOOR.

TAN SRI MOHAMED YAACOB, HOWEVER, HINTED THAT THROUGHOUT YESTERDAY'S MEETING, THE PRIME MINISTER WAS VISIBLY VERY PLEASED. -- MORE

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HE DISPELLED NOTIONS CONNECTING THE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER YESTERDAY WITH RUMOURS THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO GIVE UP THE MENTERI BESAR'S POST.

ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS TODAY, THE TWO-HOUR MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND POLITICAL LEADERS FROM KELANTAN, WAS, AMONG OTHERS THINGS, TO RESOLVE A MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE PALACE.

THE REPORTS SAID YESTERDAY'S MEETING WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO AN EARLIER MEETING BETWEEN THE LEADERS AND THE PRIME MINISTER ON APRIL 27 AND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD STRESSED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN UMNO AND THE SULTAN.

EARLIER IN HIS SPEECH, TAN SRI MOHAMED SAID KELANTAN NEEDED TO BE GOVERNED BY UMNO AND THE BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) IF IT WAS TO CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

HE SAID THE PEOPLE OF KELANTAN HAD LAGGED FAR BEHIND IN DEVELOPMENT AND IT WAS ONLY RECENTLY THAT THEY HAD BEGUN TO TASTE THE FRUITS OF PROGRESS.

THEREFORE, HE SAID, IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BENEFIT FURTHER FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS, THE PEOPLE MUST WORK HARD TO ENSURE THAT UMNO STAYED IN POWER IN THE STATE. -- BERNAMA

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