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MAHATHIR-MEETING (CORRECTED REPETITION) R R R

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KUALA LUMPUR, 15 NOV (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIRMOHAMAD TODAY REITERATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO MEET PARTI SEMANGAT 46 PRESIDENTTENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH FOR THE SAKE OF MALAY UNITY.

HE HAD LONG BEEN PREPARED TO MEET TENGKU RAZALEIGH AND THIS WAS NO PROBLEM FOR HIM, HE SAID.

THE QUESTION OF MEETING TENGKU RAZALEIGH DID NOT JUST ARISE BUT HAD BEEN THERE SINCE BEFORE, HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE WANITA UMNO 40TH ANNIVERSARY GATHERING HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE PLACED NO TIME ELEMENT FOR THE MEETING= +WE WAIT... IF THERE ARE ANY SIGNS FOR IT, I AM READY TO MEET+.

IN HIS RECENT MEETING WITH TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN AL-HAJ, THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER HAD ALSO SUGGESTED THAT HE MEET WITH TENGKU RAZALEIGH.

+I WELCOME THE SUGGESTION, I HAVE BEEN WILLING, SINCE A LONG TIME, TO MEET WITH TENGKU RAZALEIGH,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE  
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MAHATHIR - MEETING 2 KUALA LUMPUR R R R

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT, SAID IT WAS FROM THIS AGREEMENT THAT THE TWO SIDES, UMNO AND SEMANGAT 46, DESIRED TO BRING ABOUT SOLIDARITY IN THE MALAY COMMUNITY.

+THE WAY TO DO THIS IS, PERHAPS, TO HAVE A MEETING AND DISCUSSION BETWEEN ME AND TENGKU RAZALEIGH,+ HE ADDED.

HE ALSO REITERATED HIS STAND THAT NO CONDITIONS WERE IMPOSED FOR SUCH A MEETING TO BE HELD.

DESCRIBING HIS MEETING WITH THE TUNKU, WHO IS THE NATIONAL ADVISER OF SEMANGAT 46, AS +INVALUABLE+, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS HELD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF GOODWILL AND THE HEART-TO-HEART DISCUSSIONS ATTEMPTED TO GIVE THEM A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S VIEWS. -- MORE  
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MAHATHIR - MEETING 3 KUALA LUMPUR R R R

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS HAPPY THAT TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN ATTENDED THE WANITA UMNO CELEBRATIONS. HE SAID IT WAS A GOOD SIGN IN THE CONTEXT OF BRINGING THE UMNO LEADERSHIP CLOSER TO THE MALAYS ONCE AGAIN.

UMNO INVITED THE TUNKU TO ATTEND THE GATHERING WITHOUT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS BECAUSE THE IMPORTANT THING WAS HIS PRESENCE AS A FOUNDER OF UMNO.

HE SAID IN SUCH A GATHERING, HE WANTED TO SEE ALL PARTY VETERANS LIKE THE TUNKU, TUN HUSSEIN ONN, DATUK BAHAMAN SHAMSUDIN AND FORMER WANITA LEADERS, GET TOGETHER.

THE GATHERING REFLECTS THE SOLIDARITY IN UMNO WITHOUT COUNTING POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, HE ADDED.

ON NEWS REPORTS THAT SEVEN MEMBERS OF SEMANGAT 46 SUPREME COUNCIL WERE WILLING TO JOIN UMNO, HE SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT.  
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