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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 17 (BERNAMA) -- PARTI SEMANGAT 46 PRESIDENT TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH SAID TODAY HE IS PREPARED TO MEET PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF MALAY UNITY.

HE WELCOMED THE PROPOSAL BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN THAT HE (TENGKU RAZALEIGH) AND DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MEET TO SEEK WAYS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF MALAY UNITY.

+I'M PREPARED TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH CAN HELP STRENGTHEN MALAY UNITY,+ TENGKU RAZALEIGH TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

HE SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT IMPOSE ANY CONDITIONS FOR THE MEETING TO TAKE PLACE.

+I ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL WITH AN OPEN MIND,+ HE SAID.

+THE MEETING CAN BE HELD AT ANY TIME AND AT ANY PLACE. THE SOONER THE BETTER.+ -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TWO DAYS AGO REITERATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO MEET TENGKU RAZALEIGH.

THE PRIME MINISTER IN FACT POINTED OUT THAT EVEN BEFORE THIS HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN WILLING TO MEET TENGKU RAZALEIGH.

IN HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER LAST SATURDAY, THE TUNKU HAD PROPOSED THAT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND TENGKU RAZALEIGH MEET TO DISCUSS MALAY UNITY.

TENGKU RAZALEIGH HOPED THE PROPOSED MEETING COULD SEEK WAYS TO REALISE THE ASPIRATIONS OF UNITY IN A POSITIVE MANNER, WITH NO OBSTACLES IN THE WAY.

HE SAID IT WAS IN THIS CONTEXT AND IN THE INTEREST OF UNITY OF THE MALAYS AND THE PEOPLE IN GENERAL THAT HIS PARTY, SEMANGAT 46, HAD AGREED TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER PARTIES, PARTICULARLY IN ANGKATAN PERPADUAN UMMAH.

HE SAID THAT MALAY UNITY WOULD PAVE THE WAY TOWARDS THE RESOLUTION OF MANY OF THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE COMMUNITY IN THE SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS.

+WE HAVE TO TAKE A NEW APPROACH TO OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

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TENGKU RAZALEIGH SAID HE WOULD RAISE VARIOUS MATTERS WHICH HE CONSIDERED IMPORTANT FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF UNITY AMONG THE MALAYS AND THE PEOPLE IN GENERAL IN HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

ON DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR'S PROPOSAL THAT TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN PLAY THE ROLE OF A MEDIATOR IN THE EFFORTS TO RESTORE MALAY UNITY, TENGKU RAZALEIGH SAID HE TOO WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE TUNKU TAKE ON SUCH A ROLE.

+THE TUNKU SURELY WANTS TO SEE MALAYSIA A STRONG AND UNITED NATION. AFTER ALL HE FOUNDED THIS NATION,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA  
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