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MUAR, DEC 11" (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY MET UMNO LEADERS IN JOHOR TO BRIEF THEM ON THE PREPARATION AND OTHER MEASURES IN FACING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO COME.

HE HELD SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE STATE UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE AND VARIOUS DIVISIONAL COMMITTEES.

FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM, WHO HEADS SEGAMAT UMNO DIVISION, WAS ALSO PRESENT AT BOTH CLOSED DOOR MEETINGS HELD AT THE PAGOH UMNO DIVISION'S BUILDING HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND DATUK MUSA WERE MET WITH APPLAUSE BY ABOUT 400 STATE AND DIVISIONAL UMNO LEADERS WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE BUILDING.

ASKED BY REPORTERS LATER ON THE MEETING? THE UMNO PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED TO THOSE PRESENT ON MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN FACING THE GENERAL ELECTION. -- MORE.

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+THE GENERAL ELECTION CAN BE ANY TIME,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT HE ALSO EXPLAINED TO THOSE PRESENT THE CURRENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING UNITY WITHIN THE PARTY.

ASKED ON HIS MEETING WITH PART1 SEMANGAT 46 LEADER, TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH IN KUALA LUMPUR TOMORROW, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR BERKATA: +THE MALAYS WANT UNITY AND WE WILL TRY TO STRIVE TOWARDS THIS.+

+I HAVE NO RIGHT TO DECIDE ON MY OWN IF THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING REQUIRES CHANGES TO THE PARTY.

+WE MUST ABIDE BY THE PARTY,+ HE SAID WHEN ASKED ON WHAT HE HOPED TO ACHIEVE AT THE TOMORROW'S MEETING. -- MORE.

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ASKED FOR HIS VIEW ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PAS, SEMANGAT 46 AND THE DAP, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE REALITY WAS THAT PAS HAD WORK TOGETHER WITH THE DAP IN PAST BY-ELECTIONS.

+ONLY PAS LEADERS DO NOT DARE TO TALK ABOUT THIS OPENLY FOR FEAR OF OPPOSITION FROM THEIR MEMBERS,+ HE SAID.

PAS HAD SAID THAT THE PARTY WOULD NOT COOPERATE WITH THE SEMANGAT 46 IF THE LATTER CONTINUED TO WORK WITH THE DAP WHICH WAS AGAINST THE FORMATION OF AN ISLAMIC STATE. -- BERNAMA.

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