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KUALA LUMPUR, FEB 23 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR
MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS YET TO FILL
THE POST OF DEPUTY DEWAN RAKYAT SPEAKER TO BE VACATED BY ENCIK
D.P.VIJANDRAN TOMORROW.

+IT IS HE WHO DECIDED TO RESIGN, NOT WE,+ HE SAID WHEN QUERIED
BY REPORTERS AFTER THE PRIME MINISTER HAD LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE
FOR THE NATIONAL HEART INSTITUTE IN JALAN TUN RAZAK HERE.

ASKED WHETHER THE POST WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE MIC, HE SAID: +I
HAVE NO COMMENT.+

THE PRIME MINISTER BROKE OUT IN LAUGHTER WHEN A REPORTER ASKED
WHETHER THE POST WAS BEING LEFT VACANT AS PARLIAMENT WOULD SOON BE
DISSOLVED.

MIC PRESIDENT DATUK SERI SAMY VELLU SAID IN KANGAR YESTERDAY
THAT ENCIK VIJANDRAN TELEPHONED FROM LONDON TO SAY THAT HE WISHED TO
RESIGN. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO CONFIRMED THAT MALAYSIA HAD
WITHDRAWN ITS SUPPORT FOR CONVENTION 105 OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR
ORGANISATION (ILO).

HE SAID THE ORGANISATION ALWAYS THREATENED MALAYSIA AND IT WAS
UNEASY OVER THE SMOOTH INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY.

FOR INSTANCE, THE BODY HAD ACCUSED MALAYSIA OF PRACTISING FORCED
LABOUR FOR USING PRISONERS FOR CERTAIN JOBS AS PART OF THEIR
SENTENCE.

+I SEE THAT THE ORGANISATION HAS NO INTEREST NOR IS IT SERIOUSLY
CONCERNED OVER THE PROBLEMS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,+ HE SAID. --
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