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IPOH, MARCH 11<sup>90</sup> (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CHALLENGED JELUTONG MP KARPAL SINGH TO REVEAL HOW HE CAME TO KNOW IN DETAILS THE CONTENT OF THE VIDEO TAPES STOLEN FROM FORMER DEPUTY DEWAN RAKYAT SPEAKER D.P VIJANDRAN'S RESIDENCE. (8)

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WOULD NOT REPEAT OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT HIS ALLEGATIONS THAT ENCIK KARPAL SINGH HAD MASTERMINDED THE THEFT BUT WOULD ASK THE MP HOW HE KNEW SO MUCH ABOUT WHAT WERE IN THE TAPES.

HE SAID THE MP HAD SAID IN AND OUTSIDE THE DEWAN RAKYAT THAT HE KNEW OF THE CONTENT OF THE TAPES BUT WHEN ASKED FOR PROOF, ENCIK KARPAL REPLIED THAT THEY WERE NOT WITH HIM.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID ONLY FOUR PARTIES KNEW ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE TAPES, ENCIK VIJANDRAN HIMSELF, THE POLICE WHO WERE SAID TO HAVE RECEIVED THEM, THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL TO WHOM THE POLICE GAVE THE TAPES AND THE THIEVES.

+THEREFORE I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ENCIK KARPAL HOW COME HE KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT WHAT'S IN THE TAPES,+ SAID THE PRIME MINISTER WHEN REPORTERS ASKED HIM ABOUT THE MATTER DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE SULTAN AZLAN SHAH AIRPORT HERE AT THE END OF A THREE-DAY VISIT TO PERAK.-- MORE  
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LAST THURSDAY ENCIK KARPAL HAD CHALLENGED THE PRIME MINISTER TO REPEAT OUTSIDE THE DEWAN RAKYAT HIS ALLEGATIONS THAT THE MP HAD MASTERMINDED THE THEFT AT ENCIK VIJANDRAN'S RESIDENCE.

ENCIK KARPAL ALSO CHALLENGED DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TO ARREST HIM IF IT WAS TRUE THAT HE HAD PLANNED THE THEFT.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WOULD NOT REPEAT THE ALLEGATIONS OUTSIDE THE DEWAN BUT WANTED ENCIK KARPAL TO TELL THE TRUTH.

+IS IT THE POLICE WHO TOLD HIM , OR THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL NEGARA WHO CALLED ENCIK KARPAL TO INFORM HIM ABOUT THE TAPES OR ENCIK VIJANDRAN HIMSELF OR THE THIEVES THEMSELVES AS ONLY THEY KNEW THE CONTENT OF THE TAPES?+, HE ASKED.

+THAT'S ALL WE WANT TO KNOW AND THIS I'M WILLING TO SAY OUTSIDE THE DEWAN BUT ABOUT MASTERMINDING THE THEFT, I ONLY SAY IT IN THE DEWAN RAKYAT ,+ HE SAID.--MORE  
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MAHATHIR-KARPAL 3 IPOH R R R R

+I ALSO WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HIS CONNECTION WITH THOSE WHO TOLD HIM ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE TAPES+, HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT FROM ENCIK KARPAL'S CLAIMS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE HIMSELF HAD SEEN THE TAPES OR WAS TOLD OF THEIR CONTENT BY THOSE WHO HAD SEEN THEM.

+HE CLAIMED THAT HE KNEW WHO WAS IN THE TAPES, WHO THE SUPPORTING CAST WERE. HOW COME HE CAN KNOW ALL THESE IN DETAILS, THIS I'M PREPARED TO SAY OUTSIDE THE DEWAN,+ STRESSED THE PRIME MINISTER.

+IS ENCIK KARPAL PREPARED TO TELL THE COURT WHO HAD INFORMED HIM OR WILL HE JUST TELL THE COURT THAT HE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION THROUGH THE MAIL,? THE PRIME MINISTER ASKED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT A PERSON WOULD REVEAL EVERYTHING ABOUT THE TAPES THROUGH THE MAIL.

WHEN A REPORTER INTERRUPTED AND SAID ENCIK KARPAL HAD REPORTEDLY RECEIVED INFORMATION THROUGH THE TELEPHONE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID MAKING CHARGES BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH TELEPHONE SHOWED THAT THE PERSON WAS IRRESPONSIBLE.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT COULD DETAIN A PERSON BASED ON ALLEGATIONS BUT IT NOT COULD SIMPLY ACT MERELY ON ALLEGATIONS.--  
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