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GENTING HIGHLANDS, MARCH 22 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK  
SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THE GOVERNMENT WOULD DEPORT  
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN SABAH TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.  
IN THE PROCESS, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD TRY TO BE AS HUMANE  
AS POSSIBLE IN MINIMISING THEIR HARDSHIP.

+WE WILL DETERMINE THOSE TO BE DEPORTED AND SEE THAT THEY ARE  
DEPORTED,+ HE SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS DURING A  
PRESS CONFERENCE ON HIS MEETING WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS  
HERE.

HE WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON CONCERN EXPRESSED BY SABAH DEPUTY  
CHIEF MINISTER DATUK JOSEPH KURUP YESTERDAY OVER THE THREAT TO THE  
STATE'S SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ASPECTS POSED BY THE PRESENCE  
OF FILIPINO AND INDONESIAN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN SABAH.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID DEPORTING THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WAS  
NOT AN EASY TASK. -- MORE  
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HE SAID THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN SABAH WAS DIFFICULT  
TO RESOLVE, MORE SO WHEN THOSE ALREADY DEPORTED CAME BACK.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO REITERATED HIS CALL RECENTLY TO A  
NON-ISLAMIC GROUP TO IMMEDIATELY STOP ITS ACTIVITIES TO GARNER  
SUPPORT TO OPPOSE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ISLAMIC LAWS IN SELANGOR  
THROUGH A SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN.

HE HOPED THAT THE MATTER WOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED OPENLY BECAUSE  
THE ISSUE IN QUESTION WAS VERY SENSITIVE.

ON HIS MEETING WITH THE GROUP, HE SAID THAT NO DATE HAD BEEN  
FIXED BUT HE HOPED IT WOULD BE SOON.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO DISMISSED AS IMPRACTICAL A  
SUGGESTION BY SEMANGAT 46 PRESIDENT TENGGU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH THAT AN  
INDEPENDENT COMMISSION BE SET UP TO INVESTIGATE SOURCES OF FUNDS OF  
NOT ONLY OPPOSITION PARTIES BUT BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES  
AS WELL. -- MORE  
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+IF EVERY TIME WE WANT TO DO SOMETHING WE NEED TO SET UP A  
COMMISSION ... THEN WE HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT ONLY SETTING UP  
COMMISSIONS,+ HE SAID.

AS TO UMNO'S FUND, HE SAID TENGGU RAZALEIGH WAS ITS FORMER  
TREASURER AND AS SUCH KNEW UMNO'S FINANCIAL SOURCES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PROPOSED PROBE ON OPPOSITION  
FUNDS WAS MERELY TO KNOW WHETHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED BY  
OPPOSITION PARTIES WAS FROM THOSE FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY WHO HAD  
CERTAIN MOTIVES.

HE SAID ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST OPPOSITION PARTIES  
CONCERNED IF THEY WERE FOUND TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM  
SOURCES NOT PERMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.-- BERNAMA  
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