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MAHATHIR-BANKRUPTCY (CORRECTED RPTN)

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ALOR SETAR, APRIL 9<sup>90</sup> (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO AMEND THE ELECTION ACT TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF OBJECTION AGAINST CANDIDATES ALLEGED TO BE BANKRUPT ON NOMINATION DAY, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT.

HE SAID THE PRESENT 90-MINUTE OBJECTION TIME WAS ENOUGH FOR ANY GROUP TO PRESENT ITS CASE.

HOWEVER, GROUPS WHICH WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE STATUS OF CANDIDATES WHO WERE SAID TO BE BANKRUPT COULD CHALLENGE THE MATTER IN COURT, HE TOLD REPORTERS AT THE SULTAN ABDUL HALIM AIRPORT IN KEPALA BATAS HERE.

+EVEN IF WE GIVE THEM TIME, THEY WILL SAY IT IS NOT ENOUGH. IF PROOF CANNOT BE PROVIDED WITHIN ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS, THEN IT IS DIFFICULT,+ HE SAID, REFERRING TO PAS' CLAIMS THAT SENATOR SHUAIB LAZIM, THE VICTORIOUS BARISAN NASIONAL CANDIDATE IN THE PANTAI MERDEKA BY-ELECTION ON MARCH 12 WAS A BANKRUPT ON NOMINATION DAY.

THE RETURNING OFFICER HAD REJECTED PAS' PROTEST BECAUSE THE PARTY FAILED TO PROVIDE PROOF. -- MORE

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IN THIS CASE, HE SAID, IT WAS NOT THE TIME FACTOR WHICH WAS IN DISPUTE AND ADDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO PROBLEMS PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION ALL THIS WHILE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GROUP WHICH OBJECTED TO SENATOR SHUAIB LAZIM'S NOMINATION COULD NOT FURNISH PROOF THAT THE CANDIDATE WAS A BANKRUPT.

HE SAID THE CREDITORS WHO RECEIVED PAYMENTS TO SETTLE THE DEBT OWED BY SENATOR SHUAIB WERE LATE IN WITHDRAWING THE BANKRUPTCY NOTICE IN COURT, STRESSING THAT THE SENATOR WAS NOT A BANKRUPT AS HE HAD SETTLED HIS DEBTS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH ALI, WAS HERE TO ATTEND THE BREAKING OF THE FAST AT MASJID KAMPUNG TANJONG PAUH, JITRA.

DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH HANDED OVER PARCELS AND CASH ON BEHALF OF BAKTI, THE CHARITABLE ORGANISATION OF WIVES OF MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS, TO POOR MUSLIMS IN FIVE DISTRICTS IN KEDAH.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE AT TITI GAJAH HERE.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND WIFE ALSO VISITED THE +PEKAN RABU+ AND BOUGHT CAKES BEFORE THE BREAKING OF THE FAST. -- BERNAMA

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