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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 16⁹⁰ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY HE WILL SEEK THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S CLARIFICATION ON WHETHER ALL THOSE DETAINED FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT (SPECIAL PREVENTIVE MEASURES) 1985 SHOULD BE RELEASED FOLLOWING A RECENT SUPREME COURT'S DECISION TO FREE SEVERAL DADAH DETAINEES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT ALL OTHER DETAINEES WOULD BE RELEASED IF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL INTERPRETED THE DECISION TO MEAN THAT ALL OTHER DETAINEES SHOULD ALSO BE FREED.

+I AM IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON THE IMPLICATION OF THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION. IF HE INTERPRETS THAT IT MEANS WE HAVE TO RELEASE THEM, WE WILL RELEASE THEM,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS HOME MINISTER, TOLD REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING A LUNCH WITH THE NATIONAL THOMAS CUP BADMINTON SQUAD HERE.

THE SUPREME COURT HAD ON MAY 3 ALLOWED THE APPEAL OF 11 DADAH DETAINEES AT THE PULAU JEREJAK AND MUAR REHABILITATION CENTRES AFTER RULING THAT THE HOME MINISTER HAD NO POWER TO ISSUE NEW DETENTION ORDERS ACCORDING TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE SECTION FOR CASES BEFORE THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE AMENDMENT ON APRIL 3.

ON MAY 7, THREE OTHER DADAH DETAINEES FROM THE MUAR REHABILITATION CENTRE WERE RELEASED BY THE SUPREME COURT HERE. THIRTY OTHERS ARE STILL UNDER DETENTION. -- BERNAMA
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