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PASIR MAS, JULY 31 (BERNAMA) -- FORMER PRIME MINISTER TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN SAID TODAY HE IS READY TO CONTEST THE KUBANG PASU PARLIAMENTARY SEAT IN KEDAH IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IF NOMINATED.

THE CONSTITUENCY IN THE TUNKU'S HOME STATE IS AT PRESENT REPRESENTED IN THE DEWAN RAKYAT BY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WHO IS ALSO FROM KEDAH.

THE TUNKU, WHO IS ADVISER TO THE PARTI SEMANGAT 46, SAID HE HAD NO FEAR OVER LOSING OR WINNING THE SEAT.

+IF I AM NOMINATED, I AM NOT AFRAID,+ HE SAID AFTER GIVING A CERAMAH AT KAMPUNG MERANTU HERE.

THE TUNKU, 87, SAID THIS IN RESPONSE TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS ON SPECULATION THAT HE WOULD BE FIELDER BY PARTI SEMANGAT 46 IN THE CONSTITUENCY.

THE TUNKU, NEVERTHELESS, SAID HE HAD NEVER MENTIONED IN HIS CERAMAHS (POLITICAL TALKS) IN VARIOUS PLACES THAT HE WISHED TO OPPOSE DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR. -- MORE

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THE TUNKU SAID PARTI SEMANGAT 46 PRESIDENT TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH HAD ALSO NEVER ASKED HIM TO CONTEST AGAINST DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR.

HE SAID HE WAS GETTING INVOLVED IN POLITICS ONCE MORE NOT TO FIGHT AGAINST ANYONE BUT TO DEFEND THE RACE, RELIGION AND COUNTRY.

APART FROM THAT ALSO TO DEFEND UMNO (OLD) AND A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.

+IT'S NOT THAT I WANT TO BECOME PRIME MINISTER, CABINET MINISTER OR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT,+ THE TUNKU SAID.

EARLIER IN HIS CERAMAH, THE TUNKU SAID HE COULD FORGET BEING LABELLED +PHAROAH+ AND +SATAN+ BY PAS AS CLAIMED BY LEADERS OF THE PRESENT UMNO.

+THE TIME FOR CALLING PHAROAH AND SATAN HAS PASSED, NOW IT IS PARTI PAS, PARTI SEMANGAT 46, BERJASA AND HAMIM WHO WILL TOGETHER STRIVE TO TOPPLE A GOVERNMENT WHICH IS ARROGANT,+ HE SAID.

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