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MAHATHIR - LAM THYE (CORRECTING SLUG)

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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 30 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MOHAMAD TODAY ASSURED THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE BUKIT BINTANG PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE MORE ATTENTION TO THEM IF THEY VOTE FOR THE BARISAN NASIONAL IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID SINCE THE MP FOR THE AREA ENCIK LEE LAM THYE OF THE DAP HAD SAID HE WOULD NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION, THE PEOPLE THERE NEED NOT VOTE FOR ANOTHER PERSON FROM THE SAME PARTY (DAP) TO SUCCEED HIM (ENCIK LEE).

+WITH A BN VICTORY, WE WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO HELP YOU ALL. EVEN THOUGH WE DID NOT WIN THERE BEFORE, WE DID NOT ILL-TREAT THOSE WHO DID NOT VOTE US. BUT IF PEOPLE ELECT US SURELY WE WILL DO EVEN MORE TO HELP THEM,+ HE SAID WHEN LAUNCHING A TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR PETTY TRADERS IN THE KUALA LUMPUR FEDERAL TERRITORY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID ENCIK LEE WAS ELECTED AND BECAME A CHAMPION AS HE DISCHARGED HIS DUTIES WELL AND HELPED THE PEOPLE.

+NOW HE SAYS HE DOES NOT WANT TO CONTEST. THEREFORE THERE IS NO NEED TO VOTE FOR A SUCCESSOR (FROM THE SAME PARTY),+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS BN CHAIRMAN, SAID. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HOPED THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD ELECT A BN CANDIDATE IRRESPECTIVE OF WHO HE WAS.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE DAP CRISIS FOLLOWING ENCIK LEE'S DECISION TO QUIT POLITICS FOR GOOD, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE SHARED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ENCIK GHAFAR BABA'S VIEWS ON THIS.

+I FEEL EVEN THOUGH ENCIK LEE DID NOT ADMIT THAT HE HAD MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN THE DAP, BUT IT WAS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT HIS ATTITUDE WAS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF OTHER DAP LEADERS.+

+WE USUALLY HEAR THAT HE HAD DISPUTES WITH KIT SIANG (LIM KIT SIANG DAP SECRETARY-GENERAL) FOR INSTANCE. IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT HE HAS QUIT,+DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

ON THE BN CANDIDATE TO BE FIELDDED IN BUKIT BINTANG, HE SAID A SUITABLE CANDIDATE WOULD BE SELECTED. -- MORE

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ASKED WHEN HE WOULD DISCLOSE THE FULL CONTENTS OF THE TAPE CONTAINING THE SPEECH BY PARTI SEMANGAT 46 PRESIDENT TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH IN WHICH HE HAD SAID HE WOULD +KILL+ PAS AND THE DAP, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO TENGKU RAZALEIGH AS HE WAS THE ONE WHO HAD MADE THE SPEECH.

HOWEVER UMNO WOULD DISCLOSE THE CONTENTS OF THE TAPE IF TENGKU RAZALEIGH DENIED THE ALLEGATION.

WHEN TOLD THAT MANY UMNO AND BN COMPONENT PARTIES WANTED THE TAPE, HE SAID: +ONE DAY WE MIGHT GIVE IT TO THEM.+

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO TOOK TO TASK ENCIK LIM KIT SIANG FOR ACCUSING HIM OF DELIBERATELY STAGING A VISIT BY BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN LEADER NELSON MANDELA TO MALAYSIA TO COINCIDE WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID SIMILAR ACCUSATIONS WERE LEVELLED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT DURING THE VISIT OF PALESTINE PRESIDENT YASSER ARAFAT AND ALSO WHEN MALAYSIA HOSTED THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT ENCIK LEE SAID SUCH THINGS BECAUSE HE WAS ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT THE GENERAL ELECTION QUESTION.

HE SAID WHEN INVITING AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) LEADERS ENCIK MANDELA AND ENCIK WALTER SUSULU WHEN HE VISITED THE ZAMBIAN CAPITAL OF LUSAKA, HE DID NOT PRESS THEM FOR THE DATE OF THEIR VISIT BECAUSE THEY HAD A LOT OF DUTIES IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY.

+BUT IF THEY PROPOSE TO COME AT ANY TIME EVEN DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD, WE JUST HAVE TO ACCEPT IT,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA
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