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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 6 (BERNAMA) -- SEMANGAT 46 PRESIDENT TENGGU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH TODAY FILED A LIBEL SUIT IN THE HIGH COURT HERE AGAINST DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMED CLAIMING THAT HE HAD NEVER SAID HE WOULD DESTROY PAS AND THE DAP IF THE +BARISAN ALTERNATIF+ (ALTERNATIVE FRONT) GAINS POWER.

TENGGU RAZALEIGH CLAIMED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECHES ON THE MATTER WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS WERE LIES AIMED AT DISSOLVING THE ALTERNATIVE FRONT COMPRISING OPPOSITION PARTIES IN THE COUNTRY.

ALSO NAMED AS DEFENDANTS WERE THE NEW STRAITS TIMES PRESS (MALAYSIA) BHD, THE PUBLISHER OF THE NEW STRAIT TIMES AND BERITA HARIAN, AND UTUSAN MELAYU (M) BERHAD, THE PUBLISHER OF UTUSAN MELAYU AND UTUSAN MALAYSIA.

IN HIS STATEMENT OF CLAIM, TENGGU RAZALEIGH SAID THE PRIME MINISTER'S WORDS PUBLISHED IN THESE NEWSPAPERS ON SEPT 21 AND 22 IN CHANGLOON, SEPT 24 IN KUALA LUMPUR AND OCT 2 IN KUALA TERENGGANU MEANT THAT HE WAS A HYPOCRITE, DISHONEST AND NOT QUALIFIED TO HOLD HIS POST OR ANY OTHER POSTS.

HE CLAIMED THAT AS THE ALTERNATIVE FRONT LED BY HIM GAINED IN STRENGTH AND SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE FROM DAY TO DAY, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, IN HIS ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT HIM, HAD WRONGFULLY AND WITH +INTENT TO INJURE HIM+, PLOTTED WITH THE NEW STRAITS TIMES PRESS AND UTUSAN MELAYU BHD TO PUBLISH THE FALSE STATEMENT AND LIBEL. -- MORE
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+AS A RESULT I HAD SUFFERED SERIOUS INJURY TO MY PERSON, CREDIBILITY, REPUTATION AND POSTS AND BEEN BROUGHT INTO PUBLIC SCANDAL, ODIUM AND CONTEMPT,+ HE CLAIMED.

TENGGU RAZALEIGH, WHO SAID THE ALTERNATIVE FRONT WAS SET UP AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE BARISAN NASIONAL, IS SEEKING COMPENSATION TOTALLING \$12,000 AS EXPENSES IN HOLDING MEETINGS WITH PAS AND DAP MEMBERS TO COUNTER THE BASELESS ALLEGATIONS.

HE ALSO WANTS THE COURT TO RESTRAIN DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND THE OTHER TWO DEFENDANTS FROM FURTHER PUBLISHING THE STATEMENTS OR OTHER STATEMENTS WHICH REFLECTED NEGATIVELY ON HIM AND/OR FROM DISTRIBUTING THE TAPES ON THEM. HE IS ALSO SEEKING DAMAGES AND COSTS.

THE DEFENDANTS HAVE EIGHT DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE OF THE WRIT TO ENTER AN APPEARANCE. -- BERNAMA
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