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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 6 (BERNAMA) -- THE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FROM UMNO TO CONTEST THE COMING GENERAL ELECTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED, PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THE CANDIDATES WERE PICKED AT A MEETING OF HEADS OF UMNO STATE LIAISON COMMITTEES HELD AFTER THE MEETING OF THE PARTY'S SUPREME COUNCIL HERE, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THERE WERE NEW FACES AMONG THE CANDIDATES BUT DECLINED TO REVEAL THE PERCENTAGE.

THESE NEW FACES WERE THE RESULT OF THE ADJUSTMENT THE PARTY LEADERSHIP MADE, HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER VISITING THE EXPOSITION ON +MALAYSIA: CAPITAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES+, AT THE PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE, HERE.

THE GENERAL ELECTION IS SET FOR OCT 20/21. NOMINATION DAY IS ON OCT 11.

ON THE SUIT FILED BY PARTI SEMANGAT 46 PRESIDENT TENGGU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH AGAINST HIM OVER A CASSETTE TAPE RECORDING IN WHICH TENGGU RAZALEIGH WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SAID THAT HE WOULD DESTROY PAS IF SEMANGAT 46 CAME TO POWER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR THIS WAS A CASE OF +POLITICAL BANKRUPTCY+.

HE SAID THAT WHEN A PERSON FOUND NO HIDING PLACE IN THE POLITICAL ARENA HE WOULD TRY TO SILENCE HIS OPPONENT BY DRAGGING HIM TO COURT. -- BERNAMA

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