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PORT KLANG, JA N 23 ⁹⁰ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK HUSA HITAH'S POST AS MALAYSIA'S SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE UNITED NATIONS IS OF MINISTERIAL RANK, PRIME MINISTER ~~DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID~~ HERE TODAY.

HE MADE THE STATEMENT WHEN REPLYING TO QUESTIONS BY REPORTERS AFTER LAUNCHING A YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME ON BOARD A SAILING SHIP +KAPAL LAYAR DIRAJA TUNAS SAHUDERA+ AT THE NORTH PORT HERE.

HE SAID THERE WAS NO REASON WHY DATUK MUSA, A FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, COULD NOT BE APPOINTED TO THE POST.

+WHY NOT?+ HE QUIPPED WHEN REPORTERS ASKED WHY HE APPOINTED DATUK HUSA TO THE POST. -- BERNAHA

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