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ALOR SETAR, NOV 1 (BERNAMA) -- UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID IT IS ALRIGHT TO HAVE CONTESTS FOR KEY POSTS IN THE COMING PARTY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT JEOPARDISE UMNO'S POSITION.

+OUR PARTY IS DEMOCRATIC. IF PEOPLE WANT TO CONTEST, THEY CAN. NO PROBLEM. THE ONLY THING IS TO AVOID UNDESIRABLE CAMPAIGNING,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS REPLYING TO REPORTERS WHO APPROACHED HIM HERE TO COMMENT ON SEVERAL PARTY LEADERS INTENDING TO CONTEST FOR UMNO VICE PRESIDENCY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON NOV 30.

THERE ARE THREE VICE PRESIDENT POSTS IN UMNO.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR REMINDED UMNO MEMBERS NOT TO REPEAT WHAT + ONE PERSON, WHO ASPIRED BUT FAILED TO BE PARTY PRESIDENT, HAD DONE TO TRY TO DESTROY THE PARTY+.-- MORE
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+ I HOPE THE CONTEST THIS TIME AROUND WILL NOT BE LIKE THAT,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER THE INCUMBENT VICE PRESIDENTS SHOULD BE RETAINED.

+ I CAN'T GIVE MY VIEW BECAUSE IT WILL MEAN I AM TAKING SIDES,+ HE SAID.

THE THREE ARE TERENGGANU MENTERI BESAR TAN SRI HAJI WAN MOKHTAR AHMAD, MP FOR KEPALA BATAS DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI AND EDUCATION MINISTER DATUK SERI ANWAR IBRAHIM. -- BERNAMA
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