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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 5 (BERNAMA) -- UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY HE HAD NOT DECIDED ON DATUK SERI NAJIB TUN RAZAK'S POSITION AS UMNO YOUTH CHIEF.

HE SAID HE WOULD MAKE HIS DECISION WHEN +EVERYTHING IS OVER.+ THE PARTY WILL HOLD ITS FOUR-DAY GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINNING NOV 29 WITH THE FIRST DAY ALLOCATED TO UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA UMNO TO HOLD THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATES CONFERENCES.

+AT PRESENT THERE IS NO DECISION,+ HE SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER DELIVERING HIS KEY-NOTE ADDRESS AT THE 17TH ASIAN ADVERTISING CONGRESS AT THE PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE (PWTC) HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON TODAY'S NEWSPAPER REPORT THAT DATUK SERI NAJIB, WHO IS DEFENCE MINISTER, WAS POSSIBLE CONTENDER FOR THE UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT POST AT THE PARTY'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IF HE WAS NOT RE-APPOINTED UMNO YOUTH CHIEF.

THE POST IS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER THE PARTY'S CONSTITUTION. -- MORE.
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ON ACTION BY UMNO IN SEVERAL STATES TO PRESENT THEIR OWN LINE-UP OF CANDIDATES FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENT POSTS AND PARTY'S SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS, HE SAID A CANDIDATE FROM ONE STATE WOULD NOT BE ELECTED WITHOUT THE SUPPORT FROM OTHER STATES.

ASKED ON THE TWO DEPUTY MENTERIS BESAR POSTS IN KELANTAN, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THEY WERE THE RESULT OF A POLITICAL GAME PLAYED BY OPPOSITION PARTIES IN THE STATE CONCERNED.

THEY HAD NOTHING TO DO, SO THEY CREATED TWO DEPUTY MENTERIS BESAR POSTS, HE SAID.

+EVERY ONE WILL RECEIVE ALLOWANCE AND 20 PER CENT OF THE MONEY THEN CAN GO TO THE PARTY,+ HE SAID.

DATUK JOSEPH PAIRIN KITINGAN'S STATEMENT THAT PARTI BESATU SABAH (PBS) COULD NOW CONDEMN THE GOVERNMENT IN THE DEWAN RAKYAT SINCE IT WAS NO LONGER IN THE BARISAN NASIONAL (BN), DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID: +WE TOO CAN CONDEMN HIM.+

-- BERNAMA.
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