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MAHATHIR-NOMINATIONS R'R'R'
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JITRA, NOV 12 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS ASKED THE KUBANG PASU UMNO DIVISION, WHICH HE HEADS, NOT TO NOMINATE ANYONE TO CONTEST IN THE COMING PARTY ELECTION.

HE DID NOT WANT ANY NOMINATION FROM THE DIVISION TO BE MISCONSTRUED AS +REFLECTING THE WISHES OF THE PRIME MINISTER+.

+THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO INTERPRET WHAT KUBANG PASU UMNO DOES AS REFLECTIVE OF MY STAND. I THEREFORE APPEAL TO KUBANG PASU UMNO DIVISION NOT TO DRAW THE NOMINATION LIST FOR PRESIDENT, DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS,+ HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE DIVISIONAL DELEGATES' MEETING HERE TODAY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT, STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT SIDING ANY CANDIDATE.

+ANYONE CAN BE VICE PRESIDENT. I HAVE NO STAND ON ANYONE,+ HE SAID.-- MORE

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SEVERAL PARTY LEADERS HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE VICE-PRESIDENCY DURING THE FOUR-DAY UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINNING NOV 29.

THEY INCLUDE INCUMBENTS VICE PRESIDENTS TAN SRI WAN MOKHTAR AHMAD, DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI AND DATUK SERI ANWAR IBRAHIM.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HOPED THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT MISINTERPRET HIS NEUTRAL STAND AS + DISLIKING THE PRESENT VICE PRESIDENTS.+

IN THE EARLIER PART OF HIS SPEECH, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HOPED FOR A CALM AND CLEAN ELECTION OF SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS.

HE DISCLOSED THAT SOME UMNO LEADERS HAD GOT AROUND A PARTY DIRECTIVE THAT ONLY DIVISION CHIEFS SHOULD OPEN DIVISIONAL DELEGATES' MEETINGS BY HOSTING DINNERS FOR LEADERS FROM THE OTHER STATES WITH THE INTENTION OF FORMING PACTS.

THE DIRECTIVE WAS AIMED AT AVOIDING UNHEALTHY CAMPAIGNING AND FORMATION OF SUCH PACTS.-- MORE

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HE REMINDED MENTERIS BESAR, WHO ACCORDING TO HIM, HAD IN THE PAST FORMED PACTS AMONG THEMSELVES TO GARNER EACH OTHER'S SUPPORT FOR THEIR ELECTION TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL, NOT TO ADOPT SUCH TACTIC AGAIN.

HE SAID IT HAD BEEN AN UMNO PRACTICE THAT A MENTERI BESAR WHO LOST IN THE RACE FOR SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP, WERE APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL AS THERE ARE SIX POSTS WHICH CAN BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THOSE JOINING THE FRAY MUST LEAVE IT TO THE DELEGATES TO MAKE THE CHOICE BASED ON THEIR SERVICE TO THE PARTY AND NOT TO RESORT TO MONEY POLITICS OR CHARACTER ASSASSINATION.

HE HOPED THOSE ELECTED TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL WOULD NOT BE FROM AMONG +YES MEN+ ONLY.

+IF WE ONLY SHOUT AYES TO EVERYTHING.. EVERYTHING IS RIGHT, EVENTUALLY WE WILL NOT BE RIGHT,+ HE SAID.-- BERNAMA

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