

Tajol Rosli: Umno is indebted to Ling

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PENKALAN HULU: Umno is grateful to MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik for his role in maintaining order when the party was declared illegal, said supreme council member Datuk Tajol Rosli Ghazali.

He said Dr Ling had chaired a special meeting of the Barisan Nasional that decided to re-admit Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"It is in no small measure that Dr Ling, who has been a good friend of mine for a long time, will have a special place in history books by chairing that meeting," said Tajol Rosli, who is also Deputy Home Minister.

He was speaking to a gath-

ering of about 1,000 people who attended the official opening ceremony of a RM600,000-multi-purpose hall by Dr Ling here on Friday.

When asked about it in Betong, Thailand, on the next day, Dr Ling, who is also Transport Minister, said he had chaired the meeting for only a brief moment.

"If someone had been naughty and objected, we would have been left without the backbone of the Barisan, adding that it was fortunately a unanimous decision.

"I got out of the chair and invited in Dr Mahathir who was waiting outside with other Umno officials," he said.