

# It's no surprise, says the Tunku

**PENANG, Fri.** — Tunku Abdul Rahman said the announcement by Datuk Hussein Onn that he is stepping down came as no surprise as it was already known much earlier.

He said that, nevertheless, it caused much disappointment and concern to the nation as Datuk Hussein had done his work well as Prime Minister and had won high respect from all quarters.

He added: "He is an honest and sincere man and a good leader of the nation.

"I know he would have carried on if his health had permitted.

"He has taken a decision much against his own wishes but it is something he was forced to do to keep himself well for the sake of his family.

"The services he has rendered to the nation are appreciated by all and cannot be forgotten.

"We offer him heartfelt sympathy and wish him a happy retirement."

The Tunku said whoever takes over Datuk Hussein's place should follow his example and the people of Malaysia must continue to give their co-operation and support to the successor as they had given to the other Prime Ministers in the past. — Bernama.