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LEAD-MAHATHIR (REPLACES ITEMS NO33, 034,
035 AND 038)

(EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE AFTER 7.30 PM TODAY OCT 18)

KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 18 (BERNAMA)⁷⁷---DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
DATUK SERI (DR) MAHATHIR MOHAMAD STRESSED TODAY THAT
THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY ALSO IMPLIED THE
INDEPENDENCE OF THE LEGISLATURE FROM THE JUDICIARY.

HE SAID THERE WAS A TENDENCY FOR INSTITUTIONS WISHING
TO BE AUTONOMOUS TO BELIEVE THAT WHILE OTHERS SHOULD NOT
INTERFERE IN THEIR AFFAIRS THEY SHOULD BE FREE TO
INTRUDE IN THE AFFAIRS AND URSURP THE FUNCTIONS OF OTHERS

DATUK SERI (DR) MAHATHIR WAS CHAIRING THE
FIRST TUN ABDUL RAZAK MEMORIAL LECTURE BY JUSTICE E.M.
FERNANDO OF THE PHILIPPINES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA
HERE TONIGHT.

HE SAID, +WHILE THE LEGISLATIVE WING SHOULD NOT ASSUME
JUDICIARY ROLES OR SEEK TO DIRECT THE JUDICIARY, THE
JUDICIARY SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO FORCE ITS VIEWS
ON THE LEGISLATURE, +

+TO DO SO ESPECIALLY WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY THREATS MAY
RESULT IN A CONFUSION OF ROLES AND THE EVENTUAL DESTRUCTION
OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY ITSELF, + HE ADDED.
--BERNAMA MORE 1710/MD

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LEAD-MAHATHIR 2 KUALA LUMPUR (EMPARGO)

DATUK SERI (DR) MAHATHIR ALSO SAID IT WAS
FITTING THAT THE SERIES OF ANNUAL LECTURES FORMERLY
KNOWN AS THE BRADDELL MEMORIAL LECTURES SHOULD, WHEN
DELIVERED IN KUALA LUMPUR, BE RENAMED AFTER THE LATE TUN
ABDUL RAZAK.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LATE TUN ABDUL RAZAK, HE SAID THE
LATE TUN WAS NOT ONLY A POLITICIAN BUT ALSO A LAWYER.

+HAD HE PRACTISED LAW, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT HE WOULD
HAVE MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF, BUT INSTEAD HE CHOSE TO APPLY
HIS LEGAL TRAINING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTRY, +
HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE LATE TUN WAS A VALUED MENTOR AND COLLEAGUE
OF HIS.

+THE LATE TUN WAS AN ADROIT POLITICIAN, A SUPERB
ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE CAPACITY TO TRANSLATE DREAMS INTO
REALITIES, A TRUE DEMOCRAT, AND AS DEMONSTRATED BY HIS
MANY ACTIONS A STATESMAN IN MALAYSIA AND THE INTERNATIONAL
SCENE, + HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI (DR) MAHATHIR MENTIONED THAT THE LATE
TUN ALSO PLAYED A GREAT PART IN THE DRAFTING OF THE PRESENT
CONSTITUTION WHICH HAD SURVIVED AS A HIGHLY WORKMANLIKE
DOCUMENT FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. --BERNAMA MORE 1715/MD

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+HOWEVER, CURRENT EVENTS MAKE ME THINK THAT OUR CONSTITUTION SHOULD ALSO SET OUT THE DUTIES OWED BY CITIZENS TO THE STATE AND TO EACH OTHER AS DOES, I BELIEVE, THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PHILIPPINES, + HE SAID.

DATUK SERI (DR) MAHATHIR ALSO PRAISED THE NATIONAL LAND CODE AS ANOTHER OF THE LATE TUN ABDUL RAZAK'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF LAW.

HE SAID THE LATE TUN'S DIPLOMACY AND TACT HAD PERSUADED MALAYSIAN STATES TO AGREE THAT THE LAW RELATING TO LAND BE EMBODIED IN ONE DOCUMENT, NAMELY THE NATIONAL LAND CODE.

THIS WAS CONVENIENT NOT ONLY TO LAWYERS BUT ALSO GREATLY EASED THE TASK OF LAND ADMINISTRATORS ON WHOSE EFFICIENCY DEPENDED THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE RAKYAT. --BERNAMA
1720/MD *Reser-124*

LEAD MAHATHIR 4 KUALA LUMPUR (RE-OPENS ITEM N106)

JUSTICE FERNANDO IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS SAID THAT ADHERENCE TO CONSTITUTIONALISM WAS MOST SORELY TESTED DURING AN EMERGENCY. JUSTICE ENRIQUE WHO WAS MAKING A BRIEF COMPARISON OF EMERGENCY LAWS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND MALAYSIA SAID THAT THE LATE PRIME MINISTER TUN ABDUL RAZAK'S FAME HAD SPREAD FAR AND WIDE. HE SAID THAT VERY FEW MEN WHO HAD OCCUPIED SUCH A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LEADERSHIP HAD FULFILLED THEIR TASK WITH SUCH COMPETENCE AND ABILITY. --BERNAMA 1910/MD