

VIETS - SHOOT (REPLACES ITEM 118)'a'a'a

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BANGI, JUNE 15 (BERNAMA)—ALL THE 70,000 VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN MALAYSIA ARE TO BE SHIPPED OUT TO INTERNATIONAL WATERS WHILE THE GOVERNMENT ARMS ITSELF WITH LEGISLATION TO SHOOT ON SIGHT ANY VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ENTERING MALAYSIAN WATERS.

++WE WILL BE HARSH WITH THEM,+ DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY, ADDING THAT THE EVICTION OF THESE PEOPLE WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY IN STAGES.

THE +SHOOT ON SIGHT+ LAW WOULD BE PROMULGATED SOON, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER OPENING THE +NATIONAL MOTIVATION AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT+ SEMINAR AT UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN HERE. —BERNAMA MORE 1854/MD

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+AS THE THIRD COUNTRIES ARE NOT ACCEPTING AS MANY REFUGEES AS THERE ARE COMING, WE WILL START SENDING ALL THE VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN THE COUNTRY OUT IN BOATS INTO INTERNATIONAL WATERS IN STAGES,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE SHIPPING OUT OF THE VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WOULD BEGIN AS SOON AS BOATS WERE OBTAINED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SETTING ASIDE A SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO GET RID OF VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN THE COUNTRY.

MORE PATROLS WOULD BE MADE ALONG MALAYSIAN INTERNATIONAL WATERS OFF THE EAST COAST BY THE TASK FORCE WHICH WILL BE ON FULL ALERT.

THE TASK FORCE WOULD ALSO BE REEFED-UP.

+ANY MORE BOATS CARRYING VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO OUR WATERS. THEY WILL BE TOWED OUT BY OUR PATROL BOATS INTO INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND SENT OFF TO CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY ELSEWHERE,+ DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID.

+IF THEY TRY SINKING THEIR BOATS, THEY WILL NOT BE RESCUED, THEY WILL DROWN. THEIR DROWING WILL BE BECAUSE THEY SANK THEIR OWN BOATS, NOT ANYTHING ELSE,+ HE ADDED.

— BERNAMA MORE 182/AZ

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+IF THEY HAVE NO BOATS IN WHICH TO JOURNEY FURTHER WE WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH THE BOATS AND SEND THEM OFF,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIA'S DECISION ON THIS MATTER WOULD BE COMMUNICATED SOON TO OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES.

ON THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, DR. POUL HARTLING'S STATEMENT CALLING ON COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA TO BE HUMANE, HE SAID: +BEING HUMANE HAS NOT PAID OFF TO US AT ALL. ALL WE ARE GETTING IS A FURTHER INFLOW OF VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND WE HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO EXPEL THEM.+

+THE UNHCR SHOULD MAKE APPEALS TO COUNTRIES THAT ARE RECEIVING VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO INCREASE THEIR NUMBERS OF ACCEPTANCES RATHER THAN CALL ON COUNTRIES IN THE REGION NOT TO TURN THEM AWAY,+ HE ADDED.

HOWEVER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR REMINDED THAT SHIPPING OUT OF OVER 70,000 VIETNAMESE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WOULD TAKE SOME TIME.

— BERNAMA. 1825/MD