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PETALING JAYA, SEPT. 6²⁰ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CALLED FOR SOLIDARITY AMONG MUSLIM NATIONS IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO FREE PALESTINE AND JERUSALEM AS WELL AS FIGHT ZIONISM.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT MUSLIM COUNTRIES SHOULD UNITE IN A COMMON FRONT TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THEIR STRUGGLE.

SPEAKING AT THE ASSEMBLY OF JERUSALEM DAY HERE ORGANISED BY UMNO YOUTH AT THE DEWAN AL MALIK FAISAL HERE, HE FELT THAT LACK OF SOLIDARITY WAS ONE OF THE FACTORS THAT HAMPERED THE SUCCESS OF THE MUSLIM STRUGGLE.

ANOTHER FACTOR WAS THAT ISLAMIC NATIONS STILL LACKED THE KNOWLEDGE TO OVERCOME THE ENEMIES' TACTICS.

HE SUGGESTED THAT MUSLIMS SHOULD STRIVE TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE AS +KNOWLEDGE CAN OVERCOME POWER.+ -- BERNAMA MORE 1915/LK

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO FELT THAT MUSLIM NATIONS SHOULD STRIVE FOR SELF SUFFICIENCY IN ARMS.

HE ADDED THAT DEPENDENCE OF THE MUSLIM NATIONS ON OTHER WORLD POWERS WAS ONLY TEMPORARY.

WHAT WAS NEEDED NOW HE SAID WAS FOR MUSLIM NATIONS WITH RICH NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS OIL, TO START PRODUCING THE NECESSARY WEAPONS.

EARLIER, UMNO YOUTH LEADER HAJI SUHAIMI DATUK HAJI KAMARUDDIN, URGED MUSLIM NATIONS TO HOLD A CONFERENCE SOON TO PASS A RESOLUTION ON THE JERUSALEM ISSUE.

THE CONFERENCE SHOULD OUTLINE THE STRATEGY TO COUNTER ZIONIST POWER.

HAJI SUHAIMI SAID UMNO YOUTH WOULD SEND A LETTER TO THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT URGING HIM TO STOP NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ZIONIST POWERS IN THE INTEREST OF THE MUSLIM NATIONS. -- BERNAMA MORE 1918/LK

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A LETTER WOULD ALSO BE SENT TO PRESIDENT CARTER REMINDING HIM OF THE STATUS OF JERUSALEM.

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANISATION HERE (PLO), ABU RYAD, ALSO READ OUT A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PLO CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT, AT THE ASSEMBLY.

ARAFAT IN HIS MESSAGE URGED MUSLIMS IN MALAYSIA TO RESPOND TO THE CALL OF PRINCE FAHD OF SAUDI ARABIA TO LAUNCH A HOLY WAR TO FREE PALESTINE AND JERUSALEM.

HE PLEDGED THAT THE PLO WOULD CONTINUE TO FLY THE FLAG OF JIHAD (HOLY WAR) TO REGAIN PALESTINE AND TO FREE JERUSALEM.

THE PLO HEAD ALSO THANKED THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT AND MALAYSIANS FOR SUPPORTING THE PLO.

MORE THAN 1,000 PEOPLE INCLUDING 342 REPRESENTATIVES FROM 114 UMNO YOUTH DIVISIONS ATTENDED THE ASSEMBLY. -- BERNAMA MORE 1920/LK

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ALSO PRESENT WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM A NUMBER OF ISLAMIC ORGANISATIONS LIKE APIM, PERKIM AND THE MALAYSIAN MUSLIM YOUTHS FRONT (GAPIM), A NUMBER OF MUSLIM DIPLOMATS AND MINISTERS. -- BERNAMA 1922/LK