

NO71: (F)
COMMONWEALTH-YOUTH

KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 16^S (BERNAMA) — UMNO YOUTH FULLY SUPPORTS
DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD'S DECISION NOT TO ATTEND THE
COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN MELBOURNE ON SEPT. 30.

THE HEAD OF THE MOVEMENT DATUK HAJI SUHAIMI KAMARUDDIN, SAID
SOME COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS DID NOT ASSIST OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES
BUT INSTEAD PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES.

+THEREFORE, WHAT IS THE USE OF THE PRIME MINISTER PAYING SERIOUS
ATTENTION TO THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE,+ HE ADDED.

HE ALSO APPEALED TO THE GOVERNMENT TO DIVERT ITS ATTENTION FROM
THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE ISLAMIC AND SEAN COUNTRIES.

DATUK HAJI SUHAIMI ADDED THAT IT WAS ONLY PROPER FOR MALAYSIA TO
GIVE PRIORITY TO ITS RELATIONS WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES AND ISLAMIC
COUNTRIES ESPECIALLY THOSE IN WEST ASIA.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR TOLD REPORTERS YESTERDAY THAT HE
PREFERRED TO GIVE HIS FULL ATTENTION TO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS THAN TO
ATTEND THE MEETING WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS +TOO MUCH TALK AND VERY
LITTLE RESULTS+. — BERNAMA 1800/1B