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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 19 (BERNAMA) — PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HIS AUSTRALIAN COUNTERPART, ENCIK MALCOLM FRASER, OVER THE +REGRETTABLE AND DISTASTEFUL INCIDENT+ OF THE BROADCAST BY ABC'S BRISBANE STATION RADIO 4QR.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HERE IN A STATEMENT TODAY SAID THAT ENCIK FRASER AND HIS CABINET ENDORSED THE STATEMENT BY ENCIK A.A. STREET, THE AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER.

ENCIK STREET HAD CONDEMNED THE RADIO STATION'S REFERENCE TO DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR AS AN +INSENSITIVE ATTEMPT AT HUMOUR+ WHICH WAS BOTH +STUPID AND OFFENSIVE TO AUSTRALIANS AND MALAYSIANS ALIKE.+

THE REFERENCE WAS MADE ON SEPT. 4 AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN MELBOURNE LATER THIS MONTH.
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