

NO12:  
CHOGM

(F)

FROM ZAINOOR SULAIMAN

MELBOURNE, SEPT. 27<sup>31</sup> (BERNAMA) — ELEVEN COMMONWEALTH LEADERS INCLUDING MALAYSIA'S PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING (CHOGM) OPENING HERE ON WEDNESDAY.

OTHERS INCLUDE THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH, SRI LANKA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, MALTA AND THE BAHAMAS.

FORTY-TWO COUNTRIES HAVE CONFIRMED THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE 10-DAY CONFERENCE TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY QUEEN ELIZABETH II OF ENGLAND AS HEAD OF THE COMMONWEALTH ON WEDNESDAY.

THE QUEEN FLEW IN HERE FROM LONDON LAST NIGHT AND IS NOW STAYING ON BOARD THE ROYAL YACHT "BRITANNIA" WHICH ARRIVED HERE EARLIER.

OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, 30 WILL BE REPRESENTED BY PRESIDENTS AND PRIME MINISTERS AND THE OTHERS BY FOREIGN MINISTERS OR OTHER SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES.

IN ADDITION, ABOUT 50 OTHER MINISTERS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DELEGATIONS. — BERNAMA MORE 1233/1B

NO13: (F)  
CHOGM 2 MELBOURNE

MALAYSIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER TAN SRI GHAZALI SHAFIE WHO IS LEADING A 14-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM MALAYSIA IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE HERE ON WEDNESDAY JUST BEFORE THE OPENING CEREMONY.

ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME, ISSUED BY CHOGM MEDIA SECRETARIAT HERE, QUEEN ELIZABETH WILL GRANT AUDIENCE TO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS FROM TOMORROW.

THE HOST GOVERNMENT HAS MOUNTED STRICT SECURITY MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE VISITING HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND OTHER FOREIGN DELEGATES DURING THE CHOGM, WHICH IS THE BIGGEST EVENT IN MELBOURNE IN A QUARTER OF CENTURY. — BERNAMA 1235/1B