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MAHATHIR-PREM

FROM TAI SING ONN

BANGKOK, JULY 17 (BERNAMA) — HOPES WERE EXPRESSED HERE TODAY THAT MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AND HIS THAI COUNTERPART GEN. PREM TINSULANONDA WILL MEET SOON +TO DISCUSS POLICY OBJECTIVES WHICH WILL LEAD TO GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND CLOSER COOPERATION+.

IN A LEADER PAGE OPINION UNDER THE TITLE +MESSAGE FOR A NEW PM+ THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BANGKOK POST SAID:

+THERE IS MUCH THAT THAILAND AND MALAYSIA CAN DO TO HELP EACH OTHER IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES IN THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND IN THE PROTECTION OF TRADE IN COMMON PRODUCTS LIKE RUBBER AND TIN.+

EARLIER, THE POST HOPED THAT THE MAHATHIR GOVERNMENT WOULD PURSUE THE SAME FOREIGN POLICY AS THAT OF THE HUSSEIN ONN ADMINISTRATION WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ASEAN. — BERNAMA MORE 1420/15

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+ALL ASEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING MALAYSIA, HAVE MADE ASEAN THE CORNERSTONE OF THEIR FOREIGN POLICIES, AND IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL BE THE CASE WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT. + IT SAID.

THE PAPER ALSO CALLED FOR MORE CONTACTS WITHIN THE GENERAL BORDER COMMITTEE AND ALSO BETWEEN BORDER OFFICIALS TO PREVENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND TO HANDLE ANY BILATERAL CRISIS WHICH MIGHT DEVELOP.

IT SAID THAT THE BORDER COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHOULD HAVE GREATER SUBSTANCE AND SHOULD LEAD TO MORE FRUITFUL PERFORMANCE. — BERNAMA 1425/15.