

KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 8 (BERNAMA) — THERE HAS BEEN A SLIGHT RESPONSE FROM CHINA TO MALAYSIA'S REQUEST TO BREAK PARTY-TO-PARTY LINKS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF MALAYA, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID HERE TODAY.

~~CITING AN EXAMPLE~~, HE SAID THE SUARA REVOLUSI RADIO STATION NO LONGER BROADCAST FROM CHINA.

THE RADIO STATION WAS CLOSED DOWN RECENTLY AS ONE OF THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE PEKING GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS, HE ADDED.

HE SAID: +AS FAR AS WE KNOW THERE IS NO MILITARY SUPPORT BUT ONLY MORAL SUPPORT FROM CHINA TO THE BANNED COMMUNIST PARTY OF MALAYA.+

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ENTERTAINING SOME 120 CHILDREN FROM SIX CHILDREN'S HOMES TO A HARI RAYA PARTY AT HIS RESIDENCE.

HE AND HIS WIFE DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH ALSO WITNESSED A PERFORMANCE OF SONGS AND DANCES BY THE CHILDREN. — BERNAMA MORE 2030Z

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THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO THOUGH IT WAS VERY UNUSUAL TO HAVE PARTY-TO-PARTY LINKS WITH CHINA, SAID MALAYSIA ONLY WANTED GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT TIES WITH CHINA.

+WE DO NOT HAVE ANY PARTY IN CHINA WITH WHICH WE HAVE LINKS,+ HE ADDED.

HE HOPED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE MORE DIRECT TRADE, ESPECIALLY IN PRIMARY PRODUCTS.

+WE THINK THEY CAN USE MORE OF OUR PRODUCTS PARTICULARLY PALM OIL, BESIDES RUBBER AND TIN,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR IS EXPECTED TO HAVE TALKS WITH HIS CHINESE COUNTERPART ENCIK ZHAO ZIYANG, WHEN HE ARRIVES HERE TOMORROW FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT.

COMMENTING ON THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S 1977 REPORT, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IT WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE IT WAS THE DUTY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW.

IF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL DID NOT GIVE PUBLICITY TO THE REPORT, THE PUBLIC WOULD NOT KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THEIR MONEY, HE ADDED. — BERNAMA 2035/3Z