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BANGKOK, AUG 24 (BERNAMA) — THE MALAYSIA AND THAI PRIME MINISTERS HAVE AGREED THAT THE EXCELLENT CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN VARIOUS FIELDS, PARTICULARLY IN SECURITY ALONG THE COMMON BORDER, SHOULD BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED AND DEVELOPED.

A JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED HERE TODAY AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TWO-DAY VISIT OF DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, ADDED THAT THEY ALSO AGREED ON THE NEED TO FURTHER CONSOLIDATE THE NATIONAL RESILIENCE OF THEIR COUNTRIES TO MEET THE POLITICAL CHALLENGES FACING THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE REGION AS A WHOLE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR AND GEN. PREM TINSULANOND A HAD AN EXTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN ASEAN'S ABILITY TO PROMOTE REGIONAL CO-OPERATION.

ON THE KAMPUCHEAN PROBLEM, THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT IT WAS STILL UNRESOLVED ALTHOUGH THEY WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT THE WORLD COMMUNITY HAD SHOWN FOR THE RECENT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KAMPUCHEA.

THEY URGED ALL PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT TO EXTEND THEIR FULLEST CO-OPERATION TO THE ADHOC COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE CONFERENCE AND OF WHICH MALAYSIA AND THAILAND ARE MEMBERS, — BERNAMA MORE 1852/YF

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THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS STRESSED ON THE URGENT NEED FOR THE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES FROM KAMPUCHEA AND FOR THE KAMPUCHEAN PEOPLE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION WITH NECESSARY GUARANTEES BY ALL CONCERNED.

THE STATEMENT SAID THEY WERE CONVINCED THAT A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE KAMPUCHEAN PROBLEM WAS VITAL FOR THE REALISATION OF ASEAN'S PROPOSAL FOR A ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

THEY ALSO EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE FOREIGN INVASION AND CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN BY THE SOVIET UNION AND AGREED THAT THE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM, AS IN THE CASE OF KAMPUCHEA, COULD ONLY BE FOUND THROUGH A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED WHICH ENABLED THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR HAS INVITED GEN. PREM TO VISIT MALAYSIA. THE INVITATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND DETAILS OF THE VISIT WILL BE WORKED OUT, —BERNAMA 1858/YF

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