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 TAIF, JAN. 28 (BERNAMA) — MALAYSIA PAS JOINED 37 OTHER ISLAMIC NATIONS IN CALLING FOR MORE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO WEAKEN ISRAEL'S ECONOMY AS A MEANS OF CHECKING ITS EXPANSIONIST POLICY.

THE CALL WAS MADE BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD DURING THE DISCUSSION ON THE PALESTINE ISSUE AT THE ON-GOING THIRD ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAPALHIR EXPRESSED MALAYSIA'S SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE OIC'S PALESTINIAN COMMITTEE BY KING HASSAN OF MOROCCO.

HE ALSO PRAISED THE GOOD WORK OF KING HASSAN AND MEMBERS OF HIS COMMITTEE WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGNING A NEW ISLAMIC STRATEGY AGAINST ISRAEL.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CONFERENCE HAS SO FAR APPROVED A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL.

THE PLAN, PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE AND IMPROVED BY THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THEIR PREPARATORY MEETING EARLIER, CALLS FOR A TOTAL ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL.

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SIMILAR ACTION WAS ALSO RECOMMENDED AGAINST ISRAEL'S SUPPORTERS AND SYMPATHISERS AS IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES THAT ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS FOR ISRAEL'S CONTINUED ARRAGANCE AND DEFIANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION WAS THE SUPPORT IT HAS BEEN RECEIVING FROM CERTAIN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES.

ALTHOUGH NOT ALL THE 42 MEMBER NATIONS OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ORGANISATION ARE REPRESENTED AT THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE, THEY ARE NEVERTHELESS EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE CALL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PLAN.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT DOCUMENT APPROVED BY THE CONFERENCE SO FAR WAS THE MECCA DECLARATION WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, OUTLINES THE BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR THE CONDUCT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ISLAMIC STATES, BETWEEN ISLAMIC STATES AND NON-ISLAMIC STATES AND BETWEEN THE OIC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS. —BERNAMA MORE 1946/BY

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THE CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE ITS SESSIONS UNTIL LATE TONIGHT TO DISCUSS THE FINAL ITEM ON ITS AGENDA, THE IRAN-IRAQ CONFLICT AND THE AFGHANISTAN ISSUE.

ALTHOUGH IRANIAN PRESIDENT BANI SADR IS NOT TAKING PART IN THE CONFERENCE AS PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN OF IRAQ IS PRESENT, THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ARE EXPECTED TO COME OUT WITH A NEW FORMULA TO END THE GULF WAR.

AN EARLIER ATTEMPT BY THE CONFERENCE'S SPECIALLY APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES TO TALK THE IRANIANS INTO ATTENDING THE SUMMIT FAILED AS AUTHORITIES IN TEHRAN REFUSED TO CHANGE THEIR POSITION.

IT IS WIDELY SPECULATED HERE THAT SHOULD THE THIRD SUMMIT CONFERENCE SUCCEED IN DESIGNING THE NEW FORMULA, ANOTHER MISSION WOULD BE FLOWN TO TEHRAN TO BRIEF THE LEADERS THERE ON THE CONFERENCE'S DECISION. —BERNAMA 1951/BY