

MAHATHIR-KAMPUCHEA 82

BY ZAINOOR SULAIMAN

KUALA LUMPUR, FEB. 2 (BERNAMA) -- MALAYSIA, APPARENTLY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE REFUSAL OF THE KHMER ROUGE TO ENTER INTO COALITION WITH THE OTHER TWO KAMPUCHEAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS, WARNED TODAY THAT SHE MIGHT HAVE TO WITHDRAW HER SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED SITTING OF THE DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMD, IN AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO THE POL POT GROUP, SAID: +THE INTRANSIGENT ATTITUDE OF CERTAIN PARTIES IS VERY MUCH REGRETTED.

+IT MAY NO LONGER BE WORTHWHILE FOR US TO SUPPORT THEIR POSITION IN THE UNITED NATIONS.+

ASEAN HAS SUGGESTED A LOOSE FORM OF COALITION AMONG THE THREE KAMPUCHEAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS AS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE KAMPUCHEAN PROBLEM. THE OTHER TWO GROUPS ARE THE KAMPUCHEAN PEOPLE'S NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (KPNLF) AND THE MOULINAKA.

ADDRESSING THE 4TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMETARY ORGANISATION (AIPO) HERE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA HAD ENTERED AN ERA FRAUGHT WITH UNPRECEDENTED PERILS.-- BERNAMA MORE 1350/1B

NO20: (F)
MAHATHIR-KAMPUCHEA 2 KUALA LUMPUR

+IT IS DISTRESSING TO NOTE THAT THE PROBLEM OF KAMPUCHEA WHICH HAS PLAGUED US FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, APPEARS TO BE NO NEARER TO AN EQUITABLE SOLUTION,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID IN VIEW OF THE UNCOMPROMISING ATTITUDE OF CERTAIN PARTIES, IT MIGHT NO LONGER BE WORTHWHILE FOR MALAYSIA TO SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA'S POSITION IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

ON THE AFGHAN ISSUE, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE TRAGEDY CONTINUED TO PERSIST BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUED DEFIANCE OF SOVIET UNION OF WORLD OPINION.

+IF RUSSIA WAS OPPOSED TO THE U.S. ROLE IN VIETNAM FOR ITS SUPPORT OF WEAK UNPOPULAR REGIME, SIMILARLY RUSSIA SHOULD NOT PROP UP THE REGIME PRESENTLY INSTALLED IN KABUL,+ HE SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SETTLE THEIR INTERNAL PROBLEMS THEMSELVES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT A REGIME WITH POPULAR SUPPORT SHOULD, WITH THE MANDATE OF THE PEOPLE, BE ABLE TO RULE WITHOUT OUTSIDE HELP.

FOR COUNTRIES IN ASEAN, HE SAID, THE TRAGEDY OF AFGHANISTAN WAS A CRUCIAL TEST FOR THE PRINCIPLE THEY BELIEVED IN --NO OUTSIDE POWER SHOULD MARCH INTO THE TERRITORY OF A WEAK NEIGHBOUR OR COUNTRY IN ORDER TO INSTAL A FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT. -- BERNAMA MORE 1405/1B

