

MAHATHIR-DUTCH

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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 10 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY URGED THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT TO RE-EXAMINE THE HISTORY OF THEIR ADMINISTRATION IN DUTCH EAST INDIES BEFORE ACTING LIKE PEOPLE WITH A CONSCIENCE.

DIGUL (DETENTION CENTRE FOR INDONESIAN NATIONALISTS) WAS THEIR CREATION, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF THE 33RD UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HERE.

HE WAS APARENTLY REFERRING TO THE CRITICAL STATEMENT MADE BY THE DUTCH PRIME MINISTER ANDREAS VAN AGT IN THE HAGUE RECENTLY OVER THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO PLANS TO TO ABOLISH ISA AS THERE WERE GROUPS OF PEOPLE INTERESTED IN ACTIVITIES THREATENING THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY.

ENCIK VAN AGT WAS QUOTED BY A FOREIGN WIRE SERVICE AS SAYING THAT THE MALAYSIAN LEGISLATION TO ENFORCE NATIONAL SECURITY WAS +FUNDAMENTALLY CONTRADICTIONARY+ TO THE INTERNATIONAL NORMS.

HE SHARED AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S CONCERN OVER LARGE NUMBER OF DEATH SENTENCES IN MALAYSIA, HE SAID.

HE WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE NETHERLANDS COULD POSSIBLY ASK MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES TO USE THEIR AMNESTY PROVISION.

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