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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 1 (BERNAMA) -- MALAYSIA TODAY ASSURED THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA (DK) ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THE STRUGGLE OF THE KAMPUCHEAN PEOPLE TO RESTORE THEIR INDEPENDENCE

IT PLEDGED TO INTENSIFY EFFORTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FORA FOR A SPEEDY SOLUTION TO THE KAMPUCHEAN ISSUE BASED UPON THE DECLARATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KAMPUCHEA (ICK).

THE ASSURANCE WAS MADE BY DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TO THE VISITING DK PRIME MINISTER ENCIK SON SANN DURING THEIR ONE HOUR TALKS AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, HERE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN EARLY RESTORATION OF KAMPUCHEAN INDEPENDENCE.

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IN A PRESS BRIEFING AFTER THE TALKS, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TAN SRI ZAKARIA MOHAMAD ALI, SAID THAT ENCIK SON SANN EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE AND POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FOR THE DK.

HE BRIEFED MALAYSIAN LEADERS THE LATEST MILITARY SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA AND THE PROGRESS OF THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE OCCUPATION.

THE DK PREMIER SAID THEIR RESISTANCE TROOPS WERE GAINING STRENGTH AND THEIR MORALE WAS ALSO HIGH.

THEY WERE OPTIMISTIC IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO DRIVE THE VIETNAMESE FORCES OUT OF THE COUNTRY, HE SAID.

ENCIK SON SANN ALSO BRIEFED DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ON THE PROGRESS OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT WHICH SO FAR HAD HELD TWO MEETINGS SINCE ITS FORMATION, LAST YEAR.

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT HE WAS HAPPY TO NOTE THAT THE COALITION GOVERNMENT WAS WORKING WELL AND THEIR TROOPS WERE PUTTING UP BRAVE AND COURAGEOUS RESISTANCE AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE FORCES.

HE ASSURED THAT MALAYSIA WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE WHATEVER POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO THE DK GOVERNMENT.

THE ASSISTANCE, HOWEVER WOULD BE LIMITED TO HUMANITARIAN AID.

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I ZAKARIA SAID THAT THE DK LEADER DID NOT ASK ANY SPECIFIC AID FROM MALAYSIA.

HE HAD ALSO BRIEFED DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR THE VIETNAMESE ATTACK ON KAMPUCHEAN CIVILIANS TARGET NEAR THE KAMPUCHEA/THAI BORDER LEAVING SEVERE CASUALTIES AMONG INNOCENT CIVILIANS AND FORCING MANY OF THEM TO FLEE ACROSS THE BORDER INTO THAILAND. -- MORE 1745/PA

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+THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT DEPLORED SUCH AN ATTACK ON CIVILIAN TARGET,+ TAN SRI ZAKARIA SAID.

+THIS ATTACK CANNOT BE REGARDED AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN AN ATTACK ON HUMANITY,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO ATTENDED THE RECENT NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN NEW DELHI, TOLD THE VISITING PREMIER OF HIS OPTIMISM IN THE FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE DK GOVERNMENT.

THE SUMMIT HAD PUT WEIGHT ON WORLD OPINION AGAINST VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION IN KAMPUCHEA AND SECURED STRONG DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR THE DK GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

ALSO PRESENT DURING THE TALKS WAS THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TAN SRI GHAZALI SHAFIE.

ENCIK SON SANN EARLIER HELD TALKS WITH THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM AND TAN SRI GHAZALIE SHAFIE.

HE WILL BE ENTERTAINED TO DINNER BY DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR TONIGHT, HE LEAVES FOR SINGAPORE TOMORROW. -- BERNAMA
1740/PA