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KUALA LUMPUR, JAN. 31 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR IR  
MOHAMAD SAID TODAY POLITICAL STABILITY AND NATIONAL LEADERSHIP  
CONTINUITY WERE CRUCIAL FOR CREATING A +SECURE+ ENVIRONMENT  
FOR INVESTORS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID POLITICAL STABILITY WAS ESSENTIAL AS  
THE PRIMARY FACTOR ENCOURAGING CONTINUED INVESTOR CONFIDENCE  
IN MALAYSIA WHILE LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT  
TO AVERT RADICAL CHANGES IN POLICIES.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN FROM A VISIT TO  
CANADA, THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND WHERE HE MET  
LEADERS, INVESTORS AND INDUSTRIALISTS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HIS 20-DAY VISIT TO THE FOUR  
COUNTRIES HAD SUCCEEDED IN ACHIEVING ITS GOALS.

+WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS THROUGH DIALOGUES, VISITS OF  
LEADERS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO MALAYSIA AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
ALL THAT HAS BEEN AGREED UPON,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE 2115/MB

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HE EXPLAINED THAT THE MOVE WAS TO MAINTAIN THE TENOR OF  
UNDERSTANDING AND RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID HIS VISIT HAD ENABLED MALAYSIA TO  
FORGE TIES WITH LEADERS OF THE FOUR COUNTRIES SO THEY WOULD KNOW  
AND UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THIS COUNTRY.

HE SAID HE HAD STRESSED ON THE NECESSITY FOR THEM TO  
FOCUS ON NOT ONLY EXPORT OF PRODUCTS OF THEIR OWN COUNTRIES  
BUT ALSO IMPORT OF MANUFACTURED GOODS FROM MALAYSIA.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE ADDED, THEY SHOULD ALSO THINK OF THE  
POSSIBILITY OF INVESTING IN MALAYSIA.

WHILE IN CANADA, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR FOUND EMPATHY AND  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE MALAYSIAN SITUATION.

HE SAID HE WAS PROUD OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE GUTHRIE-OWNED  
FACTORY IN THE CANADIAN CAPITAL OF TORONTO WHICH WAS PRODUCING  
COMPONENTS FOR THE GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY IN THE UNITED  
STATES. -- MORE 2138/MB

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THE EXPERIENCE OF THE FACTORY COULD BE PUT TO USE IN A SIMILAR  
INDUSTRY IN MALAYSIA.

ON HIS MEETINGS WITH MALAYSIAN STUDENTS IN CANADA AND THE  
UNITED STATES, HE DESCRIBED THE MEETINGS AS +MOST CORDIAL+ AND  
SAID THE STUDENTS WERE REALLY SERIOUS IN THEIR STUDIES.

HOWEVER, THERE WAS A SMALL GROUP AMONG THEM WHICH HAD TO SOME  
EXTENT BEEN INFLUENCED BY IRRESPONSIBLE PERSONS.

HE SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED TO THE STUDENTS THE CURRENT SITUATION  
AND DEVELOPMENTS IN MALAYSIA.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID FRENCH TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER  
PIERRE JOXE WOULD COME TO MALAYSIA NEXT MONTH TO FOLLOW-UP ON THE  
DISCUSSIONS HELD IN PARIS. -- BERNAMA 2145/MB