

MAHATHIR-LOOK EAST R'R'R' 84

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PETALING JAYA, AUG. 27 (BERNAMA)--DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY QUESTIONED JAPAN'S SINCERITY IN ASSISTING MALAYSIA IN HER MODERNISATION PROGRAMMES AND TOLD THE JAPANESE TO STOP BEING MERELY +TAKERS+ IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH MALAYSIA..

THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD JAPAN, IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS, THAT MALAYSIA'S LOOK EAST POLICY WAS NOT AN INVITATION TO +ARROGANCE OR INSENSITIVE BEHAVIOUR+ ON THE PART OF THE JAPANESE.

HE CRITICISED THE JAPANESE ECONOMY WHICH HE TERMED AS +EXTREMELY PROTECTIONIST IN REALITY + AND ASKED JAPAN TO OPEN ITS MARKET TO ABSORB MORE MALAYSIA MANUFACTURED GOODS.

+I ASK THE JAPANESE TO LOOK NOT ONLY AT WHAT THEY CAN TAKE BUT ALSO AT WHAT THEY CAN GIVE,+ HE ADDED IN HIS SPEECH DELIVERED BY TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER TENGGU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST MALAYSIA-JAPAN COLLOQUIUM, AT PETALING JAYA HILTON HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO OPEN THE TWO-DAY MEETING, WAS UNABLE TO COME AT THE LAST MINUTE. THE COLLOQUIUM ORGANISED BY THE INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN COLLABORATION WITH THE JAPANESE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY IS BEING ATTENDED BY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR PRACTITIONERS, INTELLECTUALS, SCHOLARS AND MASS-MEDIA LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.--MORE

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MAHATHIR-LOOK EAST 2 PETALING 'JAVA R'R' a'

EXPRESSING HIS CONCERN WITH +THE ELEMENTS OF AN UNEQUAL RELATIONSHIP+ BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND JAPAN TODAY, THE PRIME MINISTER SOUGHT JAPAN'S SINCERITY AND COMMITMENT IN HELPING MALAYSIA DEVELOP HER ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS.

+WE MUST TRULY COMMIT OURSELVES TO MAKING THE PIE BIGGER RATHER THAN STRIVING MERELY TO GET A BIGGER SLICE OF THE 'PIE,+ HE ADDED IN HIS NO-HOLDS BARRED SPEECH WHICH CAME IN THE WAKE OF DISSATISFACTION VOICED BY SOME MALAYSIAN INDUSTRIALISTS IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH THE JAPANESE.

HE LISTED MALAYSIA'S MISGIVINGS OVER THE JAPANESE CONDUCT IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH MALAYSIA INCLUDING THE +DISHONEST AND TENSION-GENERATING+ PRACTICE OF TRANSFER PRICING AND MALAYSIA'S TRADE DEFICIT WITH JAPAN.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ASKED: +IS MIGHTY JAPAN EARNEST AND SINCERE ENOUGH IN DEVELOPING HER ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH A DEVELOPING MALAYSIA?'

+WHAT SORT OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP CAN WE BUILD FOR THE FUTURE SO THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP IS BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT AND NOT ON AN UNEQUAL RELATIONSHIP?'

+CAN WE TOGETHER RESOLVE SOME OF THE PERSISTING PROBLEMS THAT PLAGUE OUR RELATIONSHIP?+--MORE

MAHATHIR-LOOK EAST 3 PETALING JAYA

THE PRIME MINISTER BELIEVED THAT THE JAPANESE 'COULD AND AT THE VERY LEAST SHOULD TRY TO REDRESS THESE PROBLEMS IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE FUTURE HISTORY OF MALAYSIA AND JAPAN WAS INTERTWINED.

+WE ARE PART OF THE GIVENS OF THE GAME IN THE PACIFIC. WE HAVE TO LIVE WITH EACH OTHER, EITHER IN A POSITIVE, PEACEFUL, COOPERATIVE, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP OR IN A RELATIONSHIP THAT IS NOT SO POSITIVE, THAT IS NOT SO PEACEFUL, NOT SO COOPERATIVE AND NOT SO MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS SURE THAT JAPAN WOULD AGREE THAT THE FIRST SCENARIO WAS BETTER AND HE WAS ALSO CERTAIN THAT THE JAPANESE WOULD AGREE THAT AN UNEQUAL RELATIONSHIP WAS AN INHERENTLY UNSTABLE ONE.

+IT CANNOT PERSIST= IT DOES S&ONLY AT THE EXPENSE OF TENSION AND POSSIBLY TURMOIL.

+I DO NOT WISH TO IMPLY THAT THERE IS NOT MUCH WITH WHICH WE ARE HAPPY. YOU MIGHT BE RELIEVED TO KNOW THAT I DO NOT INTEND TODAY TO BRING UP THE PROBLEM OF AIR RIGHTS AND IMPROPER BEHAVIOUR.+

HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MALAYSIA WOULD NOT BE WHAT SHE IS TODAY WITHOUT THE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OF JAPAN, WHICH THE JAPANESE DECIDED UPON ON THE BASIS OF MARKET FORCES, SELF INTEREST AND SOMETIMES ENLIGHTENED SELF INTEREST.--MORE

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MAHATHIR-LOOK EAST 4 PETALING JAYA

+WHERE YOU HAVE SHOWN ENLIGHTENED SELF-INTEREST, I CONGRATULATE YOU.+

BUT DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE BELIEVED THAT SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE PATTERN OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND JAPAN.

+THAT PATTERN CONFORMS IN MANY REGARDS TO THE CLASSIC PATTERN OF ECONOMIC COLONIALISM. IT IS A PATTERN THAT CANNOT BUT GENERATE TENSIONS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.+

HE STRESSED THAT MALAYSIA AND JAPAN ARE FRIENDS BUT HE REMINDED THAT +A FRIEND IS ALSO EASIER LOST THAN FOUND.+

THE PRIME MINISTER HOPED THAT THE CLOSE-DOOR MEETING WOULD HELP IN CEMENTING FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP AND URGED THE JAPANESE TO +SWEEP NOTHING UNDER THE CARPET..

+PUT WHAT YOU MAY ON THE TABLE. SO THAT WHAT IS NOT KNOWN CAN BE KNOWN, WHAT IS KNOWN CAN BE DISSECTED AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE UNDERSTOOD WILL BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD.--MORE

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MAHATHIR-LOOK EAST 5 PETALING JAYA

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WHO IS THE PRIME ADVOCATE OF 'LEARNING FROM JAPAN THROUGH THE +LOOK EAST POLICY+ REITERATED THAT THE POLICY DID NOT MEAN THAT MALAYSIANS SHOULD PER SE BUY JAPANESE OR SELL JAPANESE.

IT MERELY MEANT THAT MALAYSIANS MUST LEARN THE REASONS FOR JAPANESE SUCCESS IN MODERNISATION, A GOOD WORK ETHIC, SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS, HONESTY AND DISCIPLINE, A STRONG SENSE OF SOCIAL PURPOSE AND COMMUNITY ORIENTATION, GOOD MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES, JAPAN, INCORPORATED\* SOGOSHOSHAS AND AGGRESSIVE SALESMANSHIP, HE SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT MALAYSIA'S PRESENT ECONOMIC GOALS WERE NOT DISSIMILAR FROM THE TARGETS THAT JAPAN SET FOR HERSELF IN THE 1960'S NAMELY, HIGH SPEED GROWTH THROUGH, INCREASE IN PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY, GREATER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTION OF EXPORTS.---BERNAMA