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MAHATHIR- REACTION
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NEW YORK, OCT. 11 (BERNAMA) -- THE UNITED STATES IS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH MALAYSIA'S LINE OF THINKING OVER THE ANTARCTICA ISSUE AS SPELT OUT BY DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE 39TH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE YESTERDAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER DISCLOSED THIS TO REPORTERS WHEN ASKED ABOUT US ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE PAUL WOLFOWIZT'S REACTION TO THE SPEECH.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MET ENCIK WOLFOWIZT AFTER DELIVERING THE ADDRESS.

HE ALSO CALLED ON UN SECRETARY-GENERAL JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR, ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKUAHMADRITHAUDDEEN AND MALAYSIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN, TAN SRI ZAIN AZRAAI.

MALAYSIA RAISED THE ANTARCTICA SUBJECT IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT -- TO BUILD, NOT DESTROY -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD TOLD THE ASSEMBLY.

MALAYSIA DID NOT DISPUTE THE GOOD THAT THE PRESENT ANTARCTICA TREATY HAD DONE BUT BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS A STRONG CASE FOR ANTARCTICA TO BE THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MAN, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ANTARCTICA.

SUCH A COMMITTEE MALAYSIA BELIEVED, SHOULD BUILD UPON THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND EXAMINE THE SUBJECT IN GREATER DEPTH, HE SAID.

THIS WAY, A CONSENSUS ON THE OBJECTIVES OF A REGIME IN ANTARCTICA AND THE MACHINERY TO ACHIEVE THEM COULD BE ARRIVED AT, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT THE UN TO CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE AFTER HIS SPEECH BUT HE WAS SATISFIED TO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS MAKING THE WORLD BODY MORE EFFECTIVE.

HE SAID HE ALSO DID NOT EXPECT NEW YORK NEWSPAPERS TO CARRY HIS SPEECH BUT, NONETHELESS, CHOSE THE UN AS A FORUM SO THAT DELEGATES **KNEW MALAYSIA'S** STAND ON POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER WORLD MATTERS.

ASKED TO NAME SPECIFIC ORGANISATIONS RELATED TO HIS DISCLOSURE THAT THERE WAS ZIONIST-INSPIRED WESTERN REACTION TO ISLAMIC RESURGENCE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WAS MAKING A GENERAL STATEMENT.

TO ANOTHER QUESTION, HE SAID +THE FACT THAT PRACTICALLY EVERY ONE OF THE SUPERPOWERS HAS ITS OWN SOLUTIONS TO THE PALESTINE PROBLEM IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE EXISTENCE OF EXCLUSIVE CLUBS OUTSIDE THE WORLD BODY TRYING TO SOLVE WORLD PROBLEMS BY IGNORING THE UN.+

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IN A WAY HE HAD DIRECTED CRITICISMS AT AMERICA AND EUROPE WHEN HE RAPPED INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES FOR MERELY DOING LIP SERVICE AND CRYING EMPTY SLOGANS WHEN THEY TALKED OF FREE TRADE.

ON HIS MEETING WITH THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, HE SAID THEY DISCUSSED MAINLY MALAYSIA'S APPEAL TO THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO INTERNATIONALISE THE PREVENTION OF DRUG TRAFFICKING.

LATER, IN A BRIEF CEREMONY AT THE MALAYSIAN MISSION, THE PRIME MINISTER PRESENTED THE DARJAH PANGLIMA SETIA MAHKOTA TO TAN SRI ZAIN AZRAAI.

TAN SRI ZAIN WAS BESTOWED THE HONOUR BY THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY RECENTLY. --BERNAMA