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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 12 (BERNAMA) -- DATUKSERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY DENIED THAT MALAYSIA HAD RETALIATED AGAINST THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON THE MAS EXTRA LANDING RIGHT REQUEST BY BOYCOTTING MADE-IN-BRITAIN GOODS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW, NO SUCH ACTION WAS TAKEN DESPITE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S REFUSAL TO GRANT MAS EXTRA LANDING RIGHTS IN LONDON.

HE WAS COMMENTING ON A REPORT BY THE SUNDAY TIMES IN LONDON WHICH SAID THAT MALAYSIA HAD TAKEN RETALIATORY STEPS AGAINST BRITAIN IN THE MATTER BY NOT BUYING BRITISH GOODS ALTHOUGH THE COUNTRY'S +BUY BRITISH LAST+ POLICY WAS REVOKED END OF LAST YEAR.

+AS FAR AS I KNOW, THAT IS NOT TRUE...IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE LONDON-BASED PAPER KNOWS MORE ABOUT WHAT I AM THINKING THAT, I MYSELF,+ HE ADDED.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE BRITISH STEEL INDUSTRY CORPORATION HAD NO LONGER RECEIVING ORDERS FROM MALAYSIA AND THAT MALAYSIA HAD STOPPED BUYING STEEL FROM POLAND. --MORE  
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DATUKSERI DR MAHATHIR EXPLAINED THAT IN IMPORTING FROM ANY COUNTRY, SEVERAL FACTORS WERE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION INCLUDING THE PRICE, BALANCE OF PAYMENT AND THE BALANCE OF TRADE WITH THE COUNTRY CONCERNED.

+A LOT OF FACTORS ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, PRICE BEING ONLY ONE OF THEM...THE OTHER THINGS CONSIDERED INCLUDE THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS-AND I THINK THAT MUST HAVE BEEN THE REASON,+HE ADDED WHEN DISMISSING THE ALLEGATION OF MALAYSIAN BOYCOTT OF BRITISH GOODS.---BERNAMA

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