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MAHATHIR -- PALESTINE (P)

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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 29 (BERNAMA) --- MALAYSIA TODAY REITERATED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS BY UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR TO CONVENE AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE ON WEST ASIA.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID MALAYSIA BELIEVED THAT SUCH A PEACE CONFERENCE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANISATION (PLO), COULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS A RESOLUTION.

IN HIS MESSAGE TO MARK THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE TRAGEDY WHICH HAD BEFALLEN THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WAS INDEED THE TRAGEDY OF ALL MANKIND.

HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT DESPITE ALL THE EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM WAS NO NEARER TO SOLUTION.

+THE SOLUTION MUST BE, AND CAN ONLY BE, ONE THAT BRINGS JUSTICE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WITHIN THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT HOMELAND,+ HE SAID.

MALAYSIA BELIEVED THAT THE GENEVA DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION ADOPTED AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE AND SUBSEQUENTLY ENDORSED BY THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDED AN IMPORTANT BASIS FOR A JUST SETTLEMENT. --BERNAMA

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