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FROM AHMAD REJAL ARBEE

TRIPOLI, DEC 10 (BERNAMA) - PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR
MAHATHIR MOHAMAD LAST NIGHT CALLED ON MUSLIM NATIONS TO SERIOUSLY
BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR WAYS TO **STRENGTHEN** THEIR SOLIDARITY.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER GIVEN IN HIS HONOUR BY HIS LIBYAN
JAMAHIRIYAH COUNTERPART, ABDUSSALAM JALLOUD, HE SAID THE INTEREST OF
THE MUSLIM UMMAH MUST PREVAIL AND **MUSLIM NATIONS MUST** ALL SEARCH
THEIR OWN HEART TO STRENGTHEN WITHIN THEMSELVES THEIR SOMETIMES
FRAIL **BONDS** OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY.

HE SAID: +WE HAVE WITHIN THE UMMAH A MOST USEFUL AND EFFECTIVE
ORGANIZATION, THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. PERHAPS WE
SHOULD EXPLOIT FULLY THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR **COOPERATIVE** AND
UNIFIED ACTION WHICH THIS ORGANIZATION AFFORDS.+

HE SAID THE CONTINUING WAR **BETWEEN IRAN** AND IRAQ WAS UNDERMINING
THE SOLIDARITY AND UNITY OF ISLAMIC COUNTRIES. IT WAS **THUS VITAL** THAT
'IT' BE BROUGHT TO AN **END**, NOT ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE
TWO COUNTRIES BUT **ALSO FOR THE SAKE** OF PEACE IN THE REGION **AND THE**
WORLD.

MALAYSIA, DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE CONTINUING WAR, WAS
COMMITTED AS A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE
(OIC) PEACE COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH OTHER MEMBERS TOWARDS ACHIEVING A
PEACEFUL AND DURABLE SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT.

MALAYSIA AND LIBYA AS ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE OIC SHARE A COMMON
COMMITMENT AND **OBLIGATION** TO ENSURE THAT THE ISLAMIC UMMAH BECAME A
DYNAMIC FORCE FOR PEACE AND SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL WELL BEING.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE STILL UNRESOLVED ISSUE OF
PALESTINE WAS ANOTHER ISSUE OF GRAVE CONCERN TO THE UMMAH.

+**THE REPEATED AND** BLATANT ACTS OF AGGRESSION COMMITTED **BY ISRAEL**
AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THE **ARAB COUNTRIES** THREATEN NOT
ONLY TO DESTROY A BRAVE AND **VALIANT** PEOPLE BUT TO **PLUNGE THE WORLD**
INTO A WIDER CONFLICT,+ HE ADDED.

MALAYSIA BELIEVED **THAT** A JUST AND DURABLE **PEACE** IN THE REGION
COULD ONLY BE ESTABLISHED ON THE BASIS OF THE RESTITUTION OF THE
RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE **INCLUDING THE RIGHT** TO ESTABLISH
THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN STATE UNDER **THE** LEADERSHIP OF
THE **PLO**, TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL **FROM ALL** OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND
THE **UNCONDITIONAL** RETURN OF JERUSALEM TO PALESTINIAN **SOVEREIGNTY.**

MALAYSIA ALSO DEPLORED THE **FOREIGN INTERVENTION** IN AFGHANISTAN
AND SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE **OIC, THE NON-ALIGNED** MOVEMENT
AND THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND
SOVEREIGNTY OF **AFGHANISTAN AND OF** ITS ISLAMIC AND NON-ALIGNED
CHARACTER.

HE SAID MALAYSIA COULD NOT ALSO ACCEPT FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN KAMPUCHEA WHICH WAS SERIOUSLY THREATENING PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE SOUTH EAST ASIA REGION AND POSING A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO THE REALIZATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY THERE.

ON MALAYSIA-JAMAHIRIYAH LIBYAN RELATIONS, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THEY HAD OVER THE YEARS ESTABLISHED THE NECESSARY FRAMEWORK FOR ONGOING COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF VISITS.

+MY CURRENT VISIT AND THE USEFUL AND INFORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE HAD ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES WILL, I AM SURE, CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND EVEN CLOSER RELATIONS.+

HE WAS HEARTENED TO NOTE THE VERY REAL PROGRESS LIBYA HAD ACHIEVED IN THE FIELD OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JUST LIKE LIBYA, MALAYSIA HAD ALSO TO TAKE BOLD INITIATIVES TO CHANGE ITS OUTLOOK AND AGGRESSIVELY SEEK OUT NEW METHODS AND TECHNIQUES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HOPED LIBYA WOULD GIVE CAREFUL AND FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION TO MALAYSIA AS AN ATTRACTIVE AND PROFITABLE INVESTMENT CENTRE IN THE HEART OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S FASTEST GROWING REGION. -- MORE

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HE ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR LIBYAN ASSISTANCE IN VARIOUS RELIGIOUS PROJECTS IN MALAYSIA.

THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT HAD SOUGHT TO EMPHASIZE SPIRITUAL UPLIFTMENT THROUGH ACTIVE SUPPORT OF ISLAM AS IT WAS MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT MATERIAL WELL-BEING ALONE COULD NOT BRING PEACE AND HAPPINESS.

JAMAHIRIYAH LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER ABDUSSALAM JALLOUDD SAID THE CURRENT VISIT OF DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD GIVEN FURTHER STRENGTH

TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

HE SAID THE VISIT HAD ENABLED THEM TO EXCHANGE DISCUSSION ON MUTUAL BILATERAL QUESTIONS AS WELL AS REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

THIS MORNING, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR VISITED THE NEWLY SET UP AMMAN TYRE FACTORY IN TAJOURA HERE.

LIBYA HAD DURING THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING AGREED TO PURCHASE 4,130 TONNES OF SMR FROM THE MALAYSIAN RUBBER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MARDEC) VALUED AT 10.5 MILLION RINGGIT OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS FOR USE IN THE FACTORY. HE LATER VISITED A TRACTORS ASSEMBLY PLANT NEARBY. -- BERNAMA

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