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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 10 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY OFFERED MORE PLACES OF STUDY IN MALAYSIA FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES.

THE OFFER WAS MADE DURING HIS MEETING WITH AFGHAN MUJAHIDDIN ALLIANCE PRESIDENT ENCIK GUBULDIN HEKMATYAR AT HIS OFFICE HERE. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ENCIK ABDUL KADIR SHEIKH FADZIR, WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING, TOLD REPORTERS LATER THAT 15 AFGHAN STUDENTS WERE NOW STUDYING AT THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY HERE.

ENCIK ABDUL KADIR SAID THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO EXPRESSED +SHOCK AND HORROR+ AT THE INVOLVEMENT OF SOUTH YEMEN FORCES IN FIGHTING AGAINST THE MUJAHIDDINS.

HE SAID DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR TOLD ENCIK GUBULDIN THAT ALL MALAYSIANS WERE PRAYING AND HOPING THAT THE AFGHAN MUJAHIDDINS WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR JIHAD AGAINST THE COMMUNIST INVASION FORCES.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO ENQUIRED ABOUT THE MUJAHIDDIN'S POSITION IN TERMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. -- MORE  
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DURING THE MEETING, ENCIK GUBULDIN SAID ABOUT A MILLION AFGHAN +MARTYRS+ HAD DIED AND A BIGGER NUMBER HAD BEEN MAIMED AND INJURED IN THE FIGHTING SO FAR.

HE SAID HIS FIGHTERS WERE NOW ARMED WITH MODERN AND SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY WITH 80 PER CENT OF THE ARMAMENT CAPTURED FROM THE ENEMY AND THE REST THROUGH DEFECTION.

ENCIK ABDUL KADIR SAID ENCIK GUBULDIN REVEALED THAT THREE MILLION AFGHANS HAD TAKEN REFUGE IN PAKISTAN AND ANOTHER 1.5 MILLION IN IRAN WHILE THOSE IN AFGHANISTAN WERE VIRTUALLY +MOBILE REFUGEES+ AS THEY HAD TO FLEE FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER TO AVOID COMMUNIST FORCES.

ENCIK GUBULDIN THANKED DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR AND THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT FOR ALLOWING THE ITTIHAD MUJAHIDDIN AFGHANISTAN TO SET UP AN OFFICE HERE, THE FIRST NATION TO PROVIDE THE FACILITY.

EARLIER, THE AFGHAN DELEGATION CALLED ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM. -- MORE  
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MEANWHILE, ENCIK GUBULDIN HAS BEEN GIVEN THE HONOUR TO LAUNCH AN UMNO YOUTH DAKWAH COURSE AND A PUBLIC RALLY IN SUPPORT OF THE AFGHAN MUJAHIDDINS AT THE KAMPUNG BARU MOSQUE HERE ON SATURDAY.

ENCIK GUBULDIN WOULD ALSO BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT SEVERAL PUBLIC RALLIES TO BE ORGANISED BY UMNO YOUTH IN JOHOR AND KELANTAN, A MEMBER OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, ENCIK IBRAHIM ALI SAID. --  
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