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SUBANG, SEPT 15 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD RETURNED HOME THIS MORNING AFTER ATTENDING THE ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC) PEACE COMMITTEE MEETING IN JEDDAH.

AT THE MEETING DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND OIC SECRETARY-GENERAL SYED SHARIFUDDIN PIRZADA WERE PROPOSED AS LEADERS OF AN OIC DELEGATION TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRAN AND IRAQ TO END THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE COMMITTEE -- WHOSE MEMBERS COMPRISE GAMBIA, BANGLADESH, MALAYSIA, PAKISTAN, THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANISATION (PLO), SENEGAL AND TURKEY -- MET FOR THE EIGHTH TIME SINCE IT WAS SET UP IN JANUARY 1981.

A WISMA PUTRA SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AT THE MEETING, THE PEACE COMMITTEE VIEWED WITH INCREASING CONCERN THE FIVE-YEAR CONFLICT BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ.

AT THE LATEST MEETING, THE OIC EXPRESSED DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE THE PEACE EFFORTS DESPITE ITS FAILURE SO FAR TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM BETWEEN THE TWO WARRING STATES. -- MORE  
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APART FROM DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, SEVERAL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING -- GAMBIAN PRESIDENT SIR DAWDA JAWARA, WHO IS CHAIRMAN, PAKISTAN PRESIDENT MOHAMAD ZIA UL-HAQ, BANGLADESH PRESIDENT HUSSEIN MOHAMED ERSHAD AND PLO CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT.

THE OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED BY THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER YENGGU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN.

AT THE AIRPORT TO WELCOME THE PRIME MINISTER HOME WERE HIS WIFE, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY-GENERAL TAN SRI ZAINAL ABIDIN SULONG AND SEVERAL SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS. -- BERNAMA  
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