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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 9/ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, WHO MADE A ONE-DAY VISIT TO INDONESIA YESTERDAY TO VIEW THE PRODUCTION OF AIRCRAFT IN BANDUNG, TOLD THE CABINET TODAY THAT SMALL AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS PRODUCED THERE ARE OF HIGH QUALITY.

THE PRIME MINISTER FEELS THAT THERE IS NO REASON WHY MALAYSIA COULD NOT BUY SUCH AIRCRAFT FROM THE REPUBLIC, INFORMATION MINISTER DATUK RAIS YATIM TOLD REPORTERS AFTER THE WEEKLY CABINET MEETING HERE.

HE SAID THAT AFTER VISITING THE AIRCRAFT PLANT, THE PRIME MINISTER CALLED ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO TOLD THE CABINET THE INDONESIAN-MADE AIRCRAFT WERE SOPHISTICATED AND COULD BE SUITABLE FOR USE BY VARIOUS QUARTERS HERE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE DEDICATION AND EFFICIENCY OF THE EMPLOYEES AND UTILISATION OF MANPOWER AT THE AIRCRAFT PLANT. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT MALAYSIAN WORKERS WOULD ALSO HAVE THE SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM AND NATIONALISM AS SHOWN BY THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN INDONESIA.

IN THIS CONNECTION, DATUK RAIS SAID THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THINGS SUCH AS MAKING UNREASONABLE SALARY CLAIMS, PUTTING SELF-INTERESTS FIRST AND OTHER MATTERS NOT REFLECTIVE OF AN EXEMPLARY ATTITUDE WERE NOT MANIFEST IN INDONESIA.

DATUK RAIS SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO TALKED ABOUT MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE MALAYSIAN CAR, PROTON SAGA, TO THE PRESIDENT TO REFLECT THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES.

DATUK RAIS SAID THE GIFT HAD GREAT MEANING FOR MALAYSIA AS THE MALAYSIAN-MADE CAR WOULD BE USED BY THE LEADER OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

ASKED WHETHER THE NATIONAL CAR WOULD BE SOLD IN INDONESIA, DATUK RAIS SAID NO DECISION HAD BEEN MADE ON THIS. -- BERNAMA

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