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FROM SYED JAMIL JAAFAR

NASSAU, OCT 18, (BERNAMA) -- <sup>85</sup> (P) Trip overseas  
DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAD A  
BUSY DAY YESTERDAY AS THE 25TH SUMMIT OF COMMONWEALTH LEADERS ENTERED  
ITS SECOND DAY.

HE ATTENDED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE MEETING IN THE MORNING  
AT WHICH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER PRESENTED HER  
SURVEY OF GLOBAL TRENDS AND PERSPECTIVES.

THATCHER WAS FOLLOWED BY INDIA'S RAJIV GANDHI, WITH THE HEADS OF  
DELEGATION OF JAMAICA, ZIMBABWE, NEW ZEALAND, GRENADA, SINGAPORE,  
CYPRUS, SRI LANKA, MALTA AND DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR GIVING, IN THAT  
ORDER, THEIR RESPONSES.

IN HIS CHARACTERISTIC BLUNTNESS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SPOKE  
OUT AGAINST THE MAJOR POWERS, LAMBASTED THE WESTERN PRESS AND DEALT  
AT LENGTH ON THE NEED FOR THE WORLD TO STICK TO COMMON VALUES.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO ATTENDED THE AFTERNOON SESSION WHICH  
DEBATED THE ISSUE OF SOUTH AFRICA. -- MORE

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THE SUBJECT WAS INTRODUCED BY ZAMBIA'S DR KENNETH KAUNDA, WHO  
WAS RATHER EMOTIONAL IN HIS PRESENTATION, WARNING THE WORLD THAT  
THERE WOULD BE AN EXPLOSION IN SOUTH AFRICA UNLESS SOMETHING WAS  
DONE TO END APARTHEID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT ERSHAD OF  
BANGLADESH DURING WHICH THEY DISCUSSED THE ISSUES BEFORE THE SUMMIT  
AND HOW THE COMMONWEALTH COULD GO ABOUT TACKLING SOME OF THE  
PROBLEMS.

THEY ALSO TALKED ON BILATERAL MATTERS. PRESIDENT ERSHAD IS DUE  
TO VISIT MALAYSIA NEXT MONTH.

AFTER THE SESSION ON SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH IS TO BE CONTINUED  
TOMORROW, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD AN AUDIENCE WITH THE SULTAN OF  
BRUNEI.

HE LATER GRANTED AN INTERVIEW TO THE BRITISH ITV (INDEPENDENT  
TELEVISION) AND IN THE EVENING, TOGETHER WITH OTHER HEADS OF  
DELEGATION, ATTENDED A DINNER GIVEN BY BAHAMIAN PRIME MINISTER SIR  
LYNDEN PINDLING. -- MORE

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LAST NIGHT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD PRIVATE TALKS WITH  
GANDHI.

FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDEEN THIS AFTERNOON HAD  
DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER BALI RAM BHAGAT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WILL BE ONE OF TWO HEADS OF DELEGATION TO  
KICK OFF DISCUSSIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES TODAY.

HE IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO HAVE LUNCH WITH SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER  
LEE KUAN YEW AND GRANT ANOTHER INTERVIEW TO THE BBC.

HE AND THE OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WILL LEAVE FOR LYFORD CAY  
AT THE END OF THE SESSION FOR THEIR WEEKEND RETREAT.

HOWEVER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WILL ONLY BE IN LYFORD CAY FOR  
ONE NIGHT AS HE IS LEAVING FOR HOME ON SATURDAY.

TENGKU RITHAUDEEN WILL TAKE OVER AS HEAD OF THE MALAYSIAN  
DELEGATION UNTIL THE END OF THE SUMMIT ON OCT 22. -- BERNAMA  
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