

# PM's pledge on Asean editors' draft

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KUALA LUMPUR,  
Tues. — Prime  
Minister Datuk Seri  
Dr Mahathir Moha-  
mad has said he will  
look into how the  
Government can as-  
sist in the imple-  
mentation of the re-  
solutions and  
recommendations of  
the recent Second  
Asean Editors' Con-  
ference.

*Bernama* general  
manager Ahmad  
Mustapha Hassan  
said Dr Mahathir  
told him this when  
he called on him this  
morning to present  
a copy of the report  
of the conference.

Encik Ahmad Musta-  
pha said the confer-  
ence had decided  
that *Bernama*,

which organised the  
meeting, should  
bring to the atten-  
tion of Governments  
in the Asean region  
the decisions made  
at the conference.

*Bernama* has established  
a secretariat to ensure  
that the decisions and  
recommendations of  
the conference are im-  
plemented before the  
next conference in In-  
donesia in 1987.

## Information

The meeting today with  
Dr Mahathir was the  
first of a series of meet-  
ings Encik Ahmad  
Mustapha is scheduled  
to hold with Govern-  
mental heads in the re-  
gion.

Encik Ahmad Mustapha  
said during the meet-  
ing he informed the  
Prime Minister that  
the conference had re-  
commended that to  
promote a freer and  
more balanced flow of  
information, Govern-  
ments should under-  
stand the needs of jour-  
nalists and be more  
accessible to them.

He said Dr Mahathir  
stressed that the Gov-  
ernment had always  
been accessible to the  
Press but that he would  
like to see the Press  
playing a responsible  
role and reporting  
news in perspective.