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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 30 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER ~~DATUK SERI DR~~
MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS GRATEFUL TO THE POLICE FOR
THE WORK DONE IN THEIR OPERATION AGAINST CRIMINALS IN BALING, KEDAH
LAST WEEK.

FOUR POLICEMEN AND 14 CRIMINALS WERE KILLED IN A FIVE-HOUR
OPERATION AGAINST 37 WANTED MEN AND THEIR FOLLOWERS AT KAMPUNG
MEMALI.

THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER OPENING THE 7TH
ASEAN-CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY CONFERENCE HERE THAT
RESISTING ARREST WAS A CRIMINAL ACT AND NOBODY SHOULD RESIST ARREST.

HE SAID THE BALING INCIDENT STARTED FROM AN ACT OF RESISTING
ARREST CAUSING THE POLICE TO MOVE IN

IN DOING SO, HE SAID, THEY WERE TOO CAREFUL IN HURTING PEOPLE SO
MUCH SO THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE POLICE WERE KILLED.

+IT IS VERY UNFORTUNATE,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIA NEEDED AN EFFECTIVE POLICE
FORCE UNLESS MALAYSIANS WANTED AN ANARCHIC SOCIETY. -- BERNAMA

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