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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 25/(BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TOLD THE CABINET MEETING TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA ARE NOT TOO CRITICAL OF THE PULAU PINANG PARDONS BOARD'S REJECTION OF THE CLEMENCY APPEALS BY TWO AUSTRALIANS AGAINST THEIR DEATH SENTENCE RECENTLY.

+THIS SHOWS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RECOGNISES THE METHODS ADOPTED BY OUR COUNTRY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DADAH,+
INFORMATION MINISTER DATUK RAIS YATIM TOLD REPORTERS AFTER THE WEEKLY MEETING HERE.

DATUK RAIS, WHO IS THE CABINET SPOKESMAN, SAID THAT ACCORDING TO THE REPORT RECEIVED BY DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, AUSTRALIA RECOGNISED MALAYSIA'S LEGAL SYSTEM AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE SERIOUSNESS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING.

LAST SATURDAY, THE PARDONS BOARD, AFTER A THREE-HOUR MEETING, CONFIRMED THE DEATH SENTENCE IMPOSED ON BUILDING CONTRACTOR BRIAN GEOFFREY CHAMBERS, 29, OF SYDNEY AND WELDER KEVIN JOHN BARLOW, 28, OF PERTH WHO WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH BY THE PULAU PINANG HIGH COURT FOR TRAFFICKING IN 179GM OF HEROIN AT THE PULAU PINANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON NOV 9, 1983.

DATUK RAIS ALSO SAID THE POSTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WOULD BE SELLING STAMPS AND FIRST DAY COVERS TO COMMEMORATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MALAYSIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AGAINST DRUG ABUSE (PEMADAM) FROM TOMORROW.

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DATUK RAIS, WHO IS ALSO PEMADAM PRESIDENT, SAID THE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS WERE TO SYMBOLISE MALAYSIA'S ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST DADAH IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

THE STAMPS WOULD BE IN DENOMINATIONS OF 20 SEN, 40 SEN AND \$1.

HE SAID PEMADAM WOULD DISTRIBUTE THE FIRST DAY COVERS TO ALL ANTI-DADAH ORGANISATIONS IN THE WORLD AND AGENCIES CONNECTED WITH PREVENTION OF DADAH ABUSE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE PEMADAM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOULD BE GOING TO SARAWAK ON JULY 2 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO THE PEMADAM NATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN KEDAH NEXT MONTH, HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA

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