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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 22 (BERNAMA) -- MALAYSIA BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE COALITION GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA (CGDK) TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN AND WORK FOR GREATER UNITY AMONG KAMPUCHEAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN THE COMING YEARS.

+THEIR UNITY IS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THEIR STRUGGLE AS WELL AS THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN THE POLITICAL, DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY STRUGGLE AGAINST VIETNAM,+ PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID AT A DINNER IN HONOUR OF CGDK PRESIDENT PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK AT SRI PERDANA TONIGHT.

MALAYSIA, HE ADDED, HAD NOTED MANY ENCOURAGING SIGNS IN THE PROGRESS OF THE STRUGGLE BY KHMER RESISTANCE FORCES RECENTLY, NOTABLY THE HIGH DEGREE OF SOLIDARITY AND COHESION AMONG THE PATRIOTIC FORCES OF THE CGDK AS WELL AS COOPERATION AND COORDINATION IN THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO REAFFIRMED MALAYSIA'S SUPPORT FOR THE CGDK, ADDING THAT IT WOULD SPARE NO EFFORT AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA TO ENSURE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE KAMPUCHEAN CAUSE.

HE SAID MALAYSIA HAD BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH ITS ASEAN PARTNERS IN THE MISSION WHICH VISITED EAST AND WEST AFRICA, WEST ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA TO SECURE CONTINUING SUPPORT AS WELL AS TO PROMOTE THE CGDK'S EIGHT-POINT PROPOSAL. -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER DESCRIBED THE PROPOSAL MADE IN MARCH THIS YEAR AS A CONSTRUCTIVE AND REASONABLE FORMULA THAT DEMONSTRATED THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE CGDK IN ITS EARNEST DESIRE TO END THE CONFLICT.

+VIETNAM'S REPEATED REJECTION OF THE PROPOSAL IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF ITS INTRANSIGENCE AND INFLEXIBILITY,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

PRINCE SIHANOUK, IN HIS SPEECH, SAID THE CGDK FORCES HAD MADE NOTABLE PROGRESS WITH GROWING ACTIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE KAMPUCHEANS WITHIN THEIR HOMELAND.

+BUT WE MUST CONSENT TO MAKE EVEN GREATER SACRIFICES AND EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE OUR PEOPLE INSIDE OUR HOMELAND TO JOIN US IN FIGHTING THE VIETNAMESE INVADERS,+ HE SAID.

PRINCE SIHANOUK, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS SON PRINCE NORODOM BANARIDDH, ARRIVED HERE TODAY FOR A FIVE-DAY VISIT, THE LAST LEG OF HIS FOUR-NATION TOUR WHICH TOOK HIM TO SINGAPORE, BANGKOK AND JAKARTA.

TOMORROW, HE IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE TALKS WITH DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. -- BERNAMA.
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