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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 4 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD'S SPEECH AT THE 8TH NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) SUMMIT IN HARARE YESTERDAY, ALTHOUGH THE SHORTEST, CREATED A LARGE IMPACT ON THE AUDIENCE, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY SAID IN A STATEMENT TODAY.

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+THE SPEECH IN TYPICAL STYLE WAS INCISIVE, DISARMINGLY FRANK AND PROBING, + IT QUOTED A MEMBER OF THE MALAYSIAN DELEGATION ATTENDING THE SUMMIT AS SAYING.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS LATER CONGRATULATED BY NON-ALIGNED LEADERS WHO HAD LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO HIS SPEECH WHICH HIGHLIGHTED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MALAYSIA'S COMMITMENT TO ISSUES INCLUDING THE KAMPUCHEAN, WEST ASIAN, AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES, THE STATEMENT SAID.

ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA, IN HIS MEETING WITH DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, HAD SAID HE WAS +INSPIRED BY THE CLARITY OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S THOUGHTS+ AND FELT ENCOURAGED THAT THIS KIND OF THINKING WAS AVAILABLE IN NAM, THE STATEMENT ADDED.

INDIAN PRIME MINISTER RAJIV GANDHI WAS EQUALLY SUPPORTIVE OF DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR'S IDEAS FOR THE SOUTH COMMISSION. -- MORE
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+ENCIK RAJIV SAID HE INSTINCTIVELY FELT THAT IT WAS NOW THE RIGHT TIME FOR NAM TO GO INTO CONCRETE STEPS AS NAM WAS NOW MOVING TO NEW DIMENSIONS OF CHALLENGE,+ THE STATEMENT SAID.

PRESIDENT OF PERU ALAIN GARCIA FELT THAT THE MESSAGE DELIVERED BY DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO NAM AND FULLY AGREED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S ANALYSIS OF THE VARIOUS ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED.

HE ESPECIALLY COMPLIMENTED DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ON MALAYSIA'S DEEP COMMITMENT TO ERADICATING DRUG ABUSE.

THE STATEMENT SAID OTHER LEADERS WHO MET DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WERE THE KINGS OF BHUTAN AND NEPAL WHO WERE EQUALLY EMPHATIC IN THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER ON ALL MATTERS INCLUDING THE SOUTH COMMISSION. -- BERNAMA
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