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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 8<sup>th</sup> (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THE LEADERS OF THE THIRD WORLD WHOM HE MET AT THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT SUMMIT IN HARARE, ZIMBABWE, HAVE AGREED TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE SOUTH ON DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

+THEY GAVE THEIR COMMITMENT, IN PRINCIPLE, SAYING THAT THEY DID NOT WANT TO SEE THE BIRTH OF ANOTHER BRANDT REPORT WHICH HAD ONLY ENDED UP BEING SOLD IN BOOKSHOPS,+ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID ON HIS EFFORTS TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION AT THE SUMMIT.

THE BRANDT COMMISSION HAD COMPILED THE REPORT IN 1980 TO STUDY WAYS OF OVERCOMING OBSTACLES IN NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO RETURNED FROM HARARE YESTERDAY, SAID THE LEADERS DID NOT WANT THE SOUTH COMMISSION TO EMBARK ON ANOTHER ACADEMIC EXERCISE IN FUTILITY BUT WANTED TO SEE CONCRETE PROPOSALS THAT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE THIRD WORLD.

THE LEADERS WHOM DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE TO SET UP THE COMMISSION, MET INCLUDED THOSE FROM ZIMBABWE, PAKISTAN, INDIA, ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, BHUTAN, NEPAL AND PERU.  
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ON THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP, THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT MEMBERS SHOULD NOT BE GOVERNMENT LEADERS BUT +INTELLECTUALS WHO ARE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH ANY GOVERNMENTS.+

THE EIGHTH NAM SUMMIT GAVE THE BLESSING FOR THE SETTING UP OF THE COMMISSION TO BE CHAIRED BY FORMER TANZANIAN PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SPOKE OF A PROPOSAL TO SET UP A NETWORK OF INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES IN THE SOUTH.

HE SAID THERE WERE BETWEEN 300,000 AND 400,000 STUDENTS FROM THE SOUTH WHO WERE STUDYING IN COUNTRIES IN THE NORTH AND DUE TO THIS, THERE WAS AN OUTFLOW OF FUNDS TO THESE COUNTRIES WHICH WERE ALREADY RICH.

+THIS NETWORK OF UNIVERSITIES WILL FOSTER CLOSER RELATIONS AMONG SOUTH STUDENTS WHO IN RETURN CAN BRING ABOUT BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG SOUTH COUNTRIES,+ HE SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THERE WAS A PROPOSAL TO CREATE A DATA CENTRE TO ENABLE THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION PERTAINING TO A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES AMONG THE SOUTH COUNTRIES. -- MORE  
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+EVERY COUNTRY IN THE SOUTH CAN REFER TO THE CENTRE FOR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO, FOR INSTANCE, BUSINESS REGULATIONS OR THE LACK OR EXCESS OF GOODS.+

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WAS NO BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND ZIMBABWE DUE TO THE LACK OR TOTAL ABSENCE OF INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE TWO COUNTRIES.

ON KAMPUCHEA, HE SAID MALAYSIA WAS DISAPPOINTED WITH THE FAILURE OF THE NAM TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY IN DETERMINING THE CRITERIA FOR SACKING A MEMBER FROM THE MOVEMENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE MANY COUNTRIES WHICH SUPPORTED MALAYSIA'S STAND ON KAMPUCHEA AND PLEDGED CONTINUED MORAL SUPPORT TO MALAYSIA.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT THERE WERE MANY MEMBERS OF THE NAM WHICH WERE SURPRISED WITH MALAYSIA'S STAND ON APARTHEID. -- MORE  
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HE SAID MALAYSIA HAD IMPOSED SANCTIONS ON AND ALSO BROKEN OFF RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA SINCE 1961 AND ADDED THAT AT THAT TIME, MANY COUNTRIES IN AFRICA WERE STILL COLONIES.

ASKED WHY THE NAM DID NOT SEEK MANDATORY SANCTIONS, HE SAID SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES FACED PROBLEMS WHICH WERE CREATED BY BRITAIN.

THERE WAS HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON SOUTH AFRICA BY THE FRONTLINE STATES AND ANY MOVE FOR MANDATORY SANCTIONS WOULD ONLY LEAD TO GREATER PROBLEMS AS THESE STATES RECEIVED ALL KINDS OF SUPPLIES FROM AND THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA.

THE ALTERNATIVE WAS TO GET SUPPLIES THROUGH THE PORTS OF MOZAMBIQUE AND TANZANIA BUT THIS WAS ALSO DIFFICULT DUE TO GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES +PURPOSELY CREATED+ IN THE SOUTH OF MOZAMBIQUE.

ON THE WHOLE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE OUTCOME OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE SUMMIT AND ALSO THE DISCUSSIONS HE HAD WITH THE OTHER LEADERS. -- BERNAMA  
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