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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 8 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THAT MANY LEADERS AT THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) SUMMIT IN HARARE, ZIMBAWE, WERE SYMPATHETIC TO COUNTRIES WHICH WERE THE +TARGETS+ OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE LEADERS CONCERNED VOICED OUT OPENLY AT THE SUMMIT WHAT THE US DID TO THEIR COUNTRIES.

+MANY WERE SYMPATHETIC,+ HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO RETURNED FROM THE SUMMIT YESTERDAY, SAID MALAYSIA MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE ACTUAL SITUATION BECAUSE REPORTS RECEIVED FROM +PRO-US+ NEWS AGENCIES WERE NOT NECESSARILY TRUE.

+BUT FROM WHAT THE LEADERS SAID, WE LEARNT THAT THE US ACTIONS WERE NOT FAIR,+ HE SAID. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR CITED THE US ACTION IN LAYING MINES AT THE WATERS OF NICARAGUA AND SAID THE WORLD COURT DECIDED THAT THE AMERICANS WERE WRONG IN THEIR ACTION.

+BUT THE US DOES NOT WANT ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE WORLD COURT; IF THE US DOES NOT WANT TO ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE WORLD COURT, THEN WHO ELSE WOULD?+ HE ASKED.

HE SAID ANOTHER INCIDENT BROUGHT UP AT THE SUMMIT BY LIBYAN LEADER COL MUAMAR GADHAFI AND WHICH REQUIRED ATTENTION WAS THE US BOMBING OF TRIPOLI AND BENGHAZI IN MARCH.

IT WAS VERY CLEAR THAT THE US BOMBING WAS AIMED AT ASSASSINATING COL GADHAFI, HE SAID.

+IT WAS AN ATTEMPT BY A COUNTRY TO ASSASSINATE...IF IT IS A WAR, THEN IT IS A DIFFERENT MATTER ALTOGETHER. HERE THERE IS NO WAR,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID. -- MORE

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ALTHOUGH MALAYSIA WAS AWARE THAT US ANGER WAS IN RETALIATION AGAINST TERRORISM ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED BY LIBYA, +MALAYSIA DOES NOT BELIEVE IN ALLOWING ANYONE TO COMMIT MURDER.+

HE SAID THAT THE ISRAELI BOMBING OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANISATION (PLO) CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT IN TUNIS IN OCTOBER WAS A SIMILAR CASE. BERNAMA

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