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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 18, (BERNAMA) -- A MOVEMENT HAS EMERGED IN MALAYSIA SEEKING TO EMULATE THE ZIONIST HOLD ON THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SPHERES OF THE UNITED STATES, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THIS WAS GATHERED FROM BOOKS WRITTEN BY TWO AMERICANS ON THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT AND BY A DOCTORATE STUDENT FROM INDIA.

A COMPARISON SHOWED THAT THE MALAYSIAN MOVEMENT WAS SIMILAR TO THE MOVEMENT IN THE US, HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS ELABORATING ON HIS SPEECH AT THE ASSEMBLY IN WHICH HE SAID THE ZIONISTS WERE TRYING TO UNDERMINE THE GOVERNMENT AS THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT THE FACT THAT A COUNTRY GOVERNED BY MUSLIMS COULD BE STABLE

ASKED WHY HE HAD ALSO AT THE ASSEMBLY BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF MANIPULATION BY A GROUP OF LONDON METAL EXCHANGE MEMBERS TO DEPRESS TIN PRICES, HE SAID IT WAS BECAUSE SOME QUARTERS WANTED TO TURN THE MATTER INTO A SCANDAL AND BLAME IT ON THE GOVERNMENT. -- MORE
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HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO INTERVENE IN THE TIN MARKET THROUGH ITS WHOLLY-OWNED COMPANY, MAKUWASA, FOLLOWING ATTEMPTS BY LME MEMBERS TO FORCE DOWN PRICES.

HE COULD NOT SAY HOW MUCH THE GOVERNMENT LOST FOLLOWING THE PRICE COLLAPSE, BUT DISCLOSED THAT THE FINANCE MINISTRY WOULD ANNOUNCE THE AMOUNT EXPENDED IN THE OPERATION TO SHORE UP THE PRICES. -- BERNAMA
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