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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 25 (BERNAMA) -- MALAYSIA SUPPORTS THE UNITED NATIONS UNSTINTINGLY AND APPRECIATES WHAT IT STANDS FOR AND THE SERVICES IT RENDERS TO MANKIND, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THE ORGANISATION MIGHT BE IMPERFECT, HE SAID, BUT IT WAS STILL BETTER THAN A WORLD WITHOUT THE UN.

MALAYSIA DID NOT WANT THE WORLD TO BE DIVIDED INTO CAMPS WHICH WERE NOT ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER AS A RESULT OF THERE NOT BEING A PLACE WHERE THEY COULD MEET AND NEGOTIATE, HE SAID AT A FUNCTION TO MARK THE 41ST UNITED NATIONS DAY AT ANGKASAPURI HERE.

THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT MALAYSIA DID NOT WISH TO BE A MEMBER OF ANY CAMP OR BLOC.

+WE ARE ALIGNED WITH NO ONE. WE ARE NOT EVEN ALIGNED WITH THE NON-ALIGNED (NATIONS),+ HE ADDED. -- MORE  
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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID MALAYSIA WAS PREPARED TO CRITICISE ANY GROUP, WHETHER FROM THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, OR EASTERN AND WESTERN BLOCKS.

+WE KNOW THAT OUR STAND PLEASURES NO ONE,+ HE SAID, ADDING THAT MALAYSIA WAS AWARE THAT ITS UNBIASED CRITICISMS HAD GAINED FOR THE COUNTRY MUCH DISLIKE.

HE SAID THAT THOUGH SOME COUNTRIES HAD TRIED TO MAKE THINGS DIFFICULT FOR MALAYSIA, THE COUNTRY WOULD CARRY ON WITH THIS POLICY.

+WE BEAR ILL-WILL TO NO ONE -- NOT EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE OVERTLY OR COVERTLY TRIED TO UNDERMINE OUR STABILITY AND OUR ECONOMY,+ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

+OUR FAITH IN THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE NATIONS REMAINS AND WITH IT OUR SUPPORT FOR THE SYMBOL OF THAT INTERDEPENDENCE -- THE UNITED NATIONS.+

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THAT MALAYSIANS SUBSCRIBED TO THIS STAND BY THE GOVERNMENT COULD BE SEEN BY THE INTEREST AND SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS MALAYSIA ASSOCIATION (UNMA), HE ADDED.

MALAYSIA, HE SAID, BELIEVED IN THE UN'S EFFICACY AS AN AGENCY FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND AS A MORAL FORCE AGAINST INJUSTICE AND OPPRESSION.

THE UN WOULD ALSO HELP IN PREVENTING THE SLIDE TOWARDS THE FINAL WORLD WAR, THE WAR THAT WOULD END ALL WARS, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID IT WAS TRUE THAT THE UN HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO STOP SOME WARS.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THIS WAS BECAUSE THE UN WAS NOT AN INTERNATIONAL POLICE FORCE ABLE TO ENFORCE ITS DECISIONS. -- MORE  
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THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT THE UN'S EFFECTIVENESS DEPENDED ON THE COMMITMENT OF ITS MEMBERS TO THE UN CHARTER.

IF A COUNTRY DECIDED TO IGNORE ITS COMMITMENT, THERE WAS REALLY NOTHING THAT THE UN COULD DO, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT THUS IT WAS NOT UN THAT WAS AT FAULT BUT ITS MEMBERS. -- BERNAMA  
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