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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 15 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT IS RECALLING MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SINGAPORE K. THARMARATNAM +FOR CONSULTATIONS,+ PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HE WAS ANSWERING REPORTERS WHO HAD ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CALL BACK THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN VIEW OF ISRAELI PRESIDENT CHAIM HERZOG'S VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC SCHEDULED FROM NOV 18 TO 20.

HOWEVER HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON THIS.

HE TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER OPENING A NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LOCAL AMWAY DISTRIBUTORS AT THE PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE HERE THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A NOTE OF PROTEST AGAINST THE ISRAELI LEADER'S VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC FROM THE MALAYSIAN PEOPLE'S ACTION COMMITTEE THIS MORNING.

THE COMMITTEE, HAVING REPRESENTATION BY SEVERAL ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING POLITICAL PARTIES, WAS FORMED RECENTLY TO PROTEST THE VISIT. -- MORE

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AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE NOTE ASKED THE GOVERNMENT TO RECALL THE MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SINGAPORE.

IT ALSO WANTED THE GOVERNMENT TO SUSPEND MALAYAN RAILWAY (KTM) AND MALAYSIAN AIRLINE SYSTEM SERVICES TO THE REPUBLIC DURING THE THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE ISRAELI LEADER.

MEANWHILE IN SINGAPORE, ENCIK THARMARATNAM SAID HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM WISMA PUTRA ASKING HIM TO RETURN TO KUALA LUMPUR FOR CONSULTATIONS.

HE SAID HE WOULD BE COMING BACK IN A COUPLE OF DAYS. -- BERNAMA
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