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KUALA LUMPUR, FEB 1 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD (P) CONSIDERS THE RECENT ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC) SUMMIT A SUCCESS DESPITE THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN RESOLVING THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR.

HE SAID TODAY THE IMPORTANT THING WAS THAT THE SUMMIT ENABLED MANY OF THE OIC LEADERS, BOTH THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, TO GATHER TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE DESPITE SOME SAID TO HAVE DIFFERING POINTS OF VIEWS.

SUCH A GATHERING COULD CREATE A HEALTHY DISCIPLINE AMONG OIC MEMBER NATIONS, HE TOLD REPORTERS ON AT THE KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT SUBANG NEAR HERE ON HIS RETURN HOME FROM THE OIC SUMMIT IN KUWAIT AND A FOUR-DAY VISIT OF INDIA.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE SUMMIT WAS ALSO FRUITFUL IN THAT IT ENABLED THE LEADERS TO RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT IN EFFORTS TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS AMONG THEM.

HE SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW, MALAYSIA HAD ACHIEVED SUCCESS AT THE SUMMIT WHEN THE DADAH AND ANTARTICA ISSUES IT SPONSORED WERE SUPPORTED BY THE OIC.

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID ALL OIC MEMBER NATIONS AGREED TO GIVE SERIOUS ATTENTION TO THE DADAH PROBLEM WITH THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO INCLUDE MALAYSIA'S ANTI-DADAH MEASURES.

THE OIC MEMBER NATIONS EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR MALAYSIA'S STAND THAT ANTARCTICA BE MADE THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND, SAYING THIS SHOWED AN INCREASING NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WERE ALSO SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ISSUE, APART FROM MALAYSIA.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE CONVEYED MALAYSIA'S FULL SUPPORT FOR THE STAND ADOPTED BY ISLAMIC NATIONS ON SEVERAL ISSUES WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE SUMMIT.

MALAYSIA ALSO EXPRESSED ITS DISSATISFACTION THAT THERE WERE STILL MANY DISPUTES AMONG CERTAIN OIC MEMBER NATIONS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SUMMIT'S CLOSING BECAUSE HE HAD TO LEAVE FOR INDIA. -- BERNAMA
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