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MAHATHIR-COMMODITY

KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 4<sup>87</sup> (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CALLED ON COMMODITY-PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO INVEST MORE IN RESEARCH AND TO WORK COLLECTIVELY TO INCREASE THE USE OF RAW MATERIALS IN THE WORLD MARKET.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THESE COUNTRIES SHOULD JOINTLY UNDERTAKE A CAMPAIGN TO ENHANCE THE USAGE OF THEIR PRODUCTS.

HE RAISED THESE POINTS DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS BURMESE COUNTERPART, U MAUNG MAUNG KHA, AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT HERE TODAY.

THE BURMESE HIGH-POWERED DELEGATION, WHICH INCLUDED FOUR MINISTERS, IS ON A FIVE-DAY GOODWILL VISIT TO MALAYSIA, THE FIRST BY A BURMESE LEADER SINCE GENERAL NE WIN VISITED KUALA LUMPUR IN 1974.

SEVERAL MALAYSIAN CABINET MINISTERS WERE ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TAN SRI ZAINAL ABIDIN SULONG TOLD NEWSMEN LATER THAT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD OUTLINED THESE POINTS BECAUSE HE FELT THAT COMMODITY-PRODUCING COUNTRIES HAD BEEN VICTIMISED BY THE DEVELOPED NATIONS. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TOLD THE VISITORS THAT SINCE THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAD COOPERATED WELL AMONG THEMSELVES AND SOMETIMES HAD EVEN ACTED WITHOUT REGARD OF THEIR ACTION ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, +WE IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD GET TOGETHER TO LOOK AFTER OUR INTEREST+.

THE DEVELOPED NATIONS HAD ALSO SPENT A LOT OF MONEY ON RESEARCH AND AS A RESULT, THEY WERE NOW LESS DEPENDENT ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT INDIVIDUALLY, THE COMMODITY-PRODUCING COUNTRIES WOULD NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO CARRY OUT RESEARCH WORK ON THEIR PRODUCTS BUT THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED IF THEY WORKED TOGETHER.

ON RELATIONS BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND BURMA, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR EXPRESSED HIS INTENTION TO SEE AN INCREASE IN THE TRADE LINKS.

MALAYSIA'S TRADE WITH BURMA AMOUNTED TO LESS THAN TWO PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL TRADE VOLUME AND THE TWO LEADERS AGREED THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO IMPROVE ON THIS. -- MORE

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DURING THE DISCUSSION, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO EXPRESSED MALAYSIA'S INTEREST IN LEARNING ABOUT TEAK GROWING FROM THE BURMESE.

TAN SRI ZAINAL ABIDIN SAID MALAYSIA WOULD LIKELY SEND PEOPLE TO BURMA TO STUDY THIS.

HE SAID THAT SINCE THE MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WAS NOT IN THE NATURE OF NEGOTIATIONS BUT MERELY DISCUSSIONS, THERE WERE NO +COMMITMENTS+ ON THE OTHER TOPICS THAT WERE BROUGHT UP.

+WE WILL BE HOLDING FOLLOW-UP TALKS,+ TAN SRI ZAINAL ABIDIN SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD ALSO SPOKE OF MALAYSIA'S INTEREST IN DEVELOPING CLOSER FRIENDSHIP, ESPECIALLY WITH ITS NEIGHBOURS. -- MORE  
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THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO HIGHLIGHTED MALAYSIA'S HOPE IN SEEING A FINAL SOLUTION TO THE KAMPUCHEAN PROBLEM.

THE TWO LEADERS ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE CONFRONTING THEIR COUNTRIES AND UNDERTOOK TO COOPERATE IN THIS FIELD.

THE BURMESE PRIME MINISTER BRIEFED DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ON HIS COUNTRY'S PROGRAMME OF ELIMINATING POPPY GROWING AND SAID THAT BURMA HAD RECENTLY ENACTED A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEATH PENALTY FOR DRUG OFFENDERS.

TAN SRI ZAINAL ABIDIN SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM HIS COLLEAGUE TO VISIT BURMA. -- BERNAMA  
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