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FROM ABDUL RAHMAN SULAIMAN

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TASHKENT, AUG 28<sup>7</sup> (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CALLED ON THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY NUMBERING MORE 45 MILLION IN CENTRAL ASIA AND KAZAKHSTAN IN THE SOVIET UNION TO CONTINUE ADHERING TO THEIR FAITH TO ENSURE A HARMONIOUS WAY OF LIFE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID MUSLIMS IN MALAYSIA REGARDED FELLOW MUSLIMS ALL OVER THE WORLD AS THEIR BROTHERS AND WERE THEREFORE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THIS WHEN ADDRESSING ABOUT 400 MUSLIMS AFTER ZOHOR PRAYERS AT THE ISLAMIC CENTRE FOR THE CENTRAL ASIA AND KAZAKHSTAN HERE THIS AFTERNOON.

HE SAID ISLAM WANTED ITS FOLLOWERS TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH THEIR NEIGHBOURS AND THOSE WHO PROTECTED THEM. -- MORE

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THE IMAM OF THE MOSQUE HERE, ENCIK YUSUF KHAN ZAHIR, IN A SPEECH EARLIER SAID THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN THE SOVIET UNION HAD A VERY HIGH REGARD FOR DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND THE PEOPLE OF MALAYSIA.

HE HOPED THE PRIME MINISTER'S CURRENT VISIT TO SOVIET UNION WOULD ENHANCE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

+THE CLOSER THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE BETTER IT BE FOR US (MUSLIMS) HERE,+ THE IMAM SAID.

+WE SINCERELY PRAY TO ALMIGHTY ALLAH THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE STRENGTHENED,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND HIS DELEGATION FLEW IN HERE TODAY FROM MOSCOW FOR A THREE-DAY TOUR OF THE UZBEKISTAN REPUBLIC.

HE ALSO HELD A MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC, ENCIK B. GKADUPOV GAND, MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE PRIME MINISTER LATER VISITED AN EXHIBITION OF ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC.

IN THE AFTERNOON, HE LEFT FOR SAMARKAND WHERE HE VIEWED ARCHITECTURAL MONUMENTS OF THE ANCIENT CITY. -- BERNAMA

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