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EMBARGO: FOR USE AFTER 0001HRS (MALAYSIAN TIME) AUG 6

LENINGRAD, AUG 5⁸⁷ (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS TOLD SOVIET LEADERS THAT A COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL SOLUTION OF THE KAMPUCHEAN PROBLEM MUST BE BASED ON TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES AND KAMPUCHEA'S INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

IT MUST ALSO BE BASED ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE KAMPUCHEAN PEOPLE UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS' SUPERVISION AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF A NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED KAMPUCHEA.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR CONVEYED THIS STAND TO SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY MIKHAIL GORBACHEV AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AT THE KREMLIN LAST WEEK DURING THE COURSE OF HIS JUST-CONCLUDED ONE-WEEK VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION.

A 16-PAGE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED HERE AT THE END OF THE VISIT TODAY, HOWEVER, DOES NOT GIVE CLEAR INDICATIONS ON THE SOVIET RESPONSE TO THE MALAYSIAN POSITION WHICH IS ALSO SHARED BY INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, SINGAPORE AND BRUNEI DARUSSALAM -- THE OTHER FIVE MEMBERS OF ASEAN.

IT MERELY SAYS THAT +ON ITS PART, THE SOVIET SIDE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE RELEVANT PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE COUNTRIES OF INDOCHINA WHICH ENJOYED FULL SUPPORT ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET UNION.+ -- MORE

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DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, THE PRIME MINISTER REAFFIRMED BEFORE HIS SOVIET HOSTS THE CONTINUED VALIDITY OF THE ASEAN MINISTERS' JOINT APPEAL FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF KAMPUCHEA ISSUED IN NEW YORK ON SEPT 21, 1983.

ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, BOTH SIDES SHARED THE VIEW THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE TO SOLVE THE KAMPUCHEAN PROBLEM BY POLITICAL MEANS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS (WHICH ESSENTIALLY IS WHAT ASEAN HAS BEEN SUGGESTING).

THE COMMUNIQUE ADDS: +BOTH SIDES ALSO STRESSED THE NEED TO SEARCH FOR A SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INTEREST OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

IT GOES ON TO SAY THAT +THE SOVIET SIDE REAFFIRMED ITS READINESS TO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BEST OF ITS ABILITY TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE KAMPUCHEAN PROBLEM TOGETHER WITH ALL PARTIES CONCERNED AND TO GUARANTEE TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENTS.+

+THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE SOVIET UNION'S READINESS TO PLAY SUCH A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE,+ THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS. -- MORE

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LAST WEEK, IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS MEETING WITH ENCIK GORBACHEV, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TOLD THE MALAYSIAN PRESS IN MOSCOW THAT HE HAD OBTAINED FROM THE DISCUSSIONS +SOME BENEFICIAL CLUES+ WHICH HE WOULD CERTAINLY CONVEY TO OTHER ASEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DURING THEIR SUMMIT MEETING IN MANILA AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO DESCRIBED THE SOVIET LEADER AS +A MAN EASY TO TALK WITH+ AND +SERIOUS+ IN HIS DELIBERATIONS, SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS ON KAMPUCHEA WITH ENCIK GORBACHEV WERE GENERAL ONES.

APART FROM KAMPUCHEA, THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO UNDERLINES THEIR PERCEPTIONS ON AFGHANISTAN AND OUSTANDING INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE ACCELERATION OF THE NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE, THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA, THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR, THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A ZONE OF PEACE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THE DRUG PROBLEM.

ON AFGHANISTAN, THEY SUPPORTED THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL TOWARDS FINDING A COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM THROUGH +PROXIMITY TALKS+ IN GENEVA AND HOPED THAT AN ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT COULD BE ACHIEVED.

THEY ALSO SUPPORTED THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO CONVENE AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN IN COLOMBO NOT LATER THAN 1988

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ON SOUTH AFRICA, BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE +EXPLOSIVE+ SITUATION THERE.

THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMON VIEW THAT SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT IN THIS REGION REQUIRED THE ELIMINATION OF ITS PRIMARY CAUSES, SUCH AS THE ABHORENT AND INHUMAN SYSTEM OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA, THE CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA BY THE PRETORIA WHITE RACIST MINORITY REGIME AND ITS POLICY OF DESTABILISATION AND AGGRESSION AGAINST NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AND THE RESTORATION OF MAJORITY RULE.

ON THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, BOTH SIDES NOTED THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY IT TO RESOLVE FUNDAMENTAL INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING DISARMAMENT, THE SETTLEMENT OF REGIONAL CONFLICTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

ON DRUGS, THEY EXPRESSED DETERMINATION TO COMBAT DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

REFERRING TO THE ARMS RACE, THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS THE TWO COUNTRIES AGREED THAT ALL STATES, REGARDLESS OF THEIR SIZE, SOCIAL AND ECONOMY SYSTEM, SHOULD BE MINDFUL OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO MANKIND AND JOIN EFFORTS TO PREVENT A NUCLEAR WAR, ELIMINATE ARMS RACE AND PROMOTE DISARMAMENT.

EMPHASIS WAS LAID ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSALS OF THE SOVIET UNION ON THE ELIMINATION OF SOVIET AND US MEDIUM-RANGE AND OPERATIONAL TACTICAL MISSILES IN EUROPE AND ASIA.

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