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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 10 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID HERE TODAY HE WILL CONVEY TO ASEAN +SOME BENEFICIAL CLUES+ ON THE KAMPUCHEA SUBJECT FOLLOWING HIS TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADER MIKHAIL GORBACHEV RECENTLY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THE NEWS EITHER AT THE UPCOMING ASEAN SUMMIT IN MANILA IN DECEMBER OR TO THE ASEAN ENVOYS HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD SAID AFTER TALKS WITH GORBACHEV DURING HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION THAT HE HAD +SOME BENEFICIAL CLUES+ TO CONVEY TO HIS FELLOW ASEAN LEADERS ON THE KAMPUCHEAN ISSUE.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD SOVIET LEADERS THAT A COMPREHENSIVE POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE KAMPUCHEAN PROBLEM MUST BE BASED ON TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES AND KAMPUCHEA'S INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

HE ALSO EXPRESSED MALAYSIA'S APPRECIATION OF THE FACT THAT MOSCOW DOES HAVE A ROLE IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AS ENUNCIATED IN GORBACHEV'S VLADIVOSTOK SPEECH MADE ALMOST EXACTLY A YEAR EARLIER.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN HOME FROM A THREE-WEEK EUROPEAN TOUR DURING WHICH HE ALSO MADE OFFICIAL VISITS TO BRITAIN AND HUNGARY, HE SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE NEWS HE WOULD CONVEY TO THE ASEAN LEADERS WOULD ALSO HELP IN EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE KAMPUCHEAN PROBLEM. -- BERNAMA  
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