

KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 1 (BERNAMA) -- THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING (CHOGM) NEXT MONTH MUST RESOLVE TO IMMEDIATELY APPLY COMPULSORY SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, EVEN IF A MEMBER COUNTRY OPPOSES SUCH A MOVE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID TODAY.

WITHOUT REFERRING DIRECTLY TO BRITAIN, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID EVEN IF ONE MEMBER COUNTRY DISAGREED WHEN OTHERS WERE WILLING TO APPLY SANCTIONS, +I DO NOT THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE HELD BACK.+

THE COMMONWEALTH WAS ONLY PROLONGING THE SUFFERINGS OF THE BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA BY ITS HALF-MEASURES, HE ADDED WHEN OPENING THE 33RD COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION (CPA) CONFERENCE AT THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE HERE.

AT THE CHOGM IN NASSAU, THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, BOWING TO PRESSURE FROM BRITISH PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER, GAVE SIX MONTHS TO SOUTH AFRICA TO START DISMANTLING APARTHEID OR FACE A PROGRAMME OF VOLUNTARY SANCTIONS.

+THE EXCUSES THAT SANCTIONS WOULD HURT THE BLACKS MORE THAN THE WHITES HAVE BEEN DISPROVED BY THE REALITIES OF WHAT WE SEE TODAY,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID. -- MORE
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+EVEN WITHOUT SANCTIONS THE BLACKS ARE BEING OPPRESSED, ILL-TREATED AND MURDERED,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE CPA MUST URGE THE +DOUBTING MARGARETS+ AMONG THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ATTENDING THE CHOGM IN VANCOUVER TO RESOLVE TO APPLY SANCTIONS NOW.

+THEN AND THEN ONLY WILL THE COMMONWEALTH BE MEANINGFUL,+ SAID THE PRIME MINISTER, ADDING THAT +THE FEW SHOULD NOT ALLOW THE MANY TO SUFFER SO MUCH FOR FILTHY LUCRE+.

ON MALAYSIA'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMONWEALTH, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID MALAYSIA WOULD REMAIN IN THE COMMONWEALTH DESPITE CERTAIN DISAPPOINTMENTS.

HE LATER TOLD REPORTERS THAT A STUDY BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE SUBJECT HAD CONCLUDED THAT MALAYSIA SHOULD STAY IN THE COMMONWEALTH AS +WE DO GET SOME BENEFITS AND THEREFORE THERE IS NO CASE FOR LEAVING THGE COMMONWEALTH.+

IN HIS SPEECH, HE SAID THAT WHILE HE HAD BEEN, AND STILL WAS, CRITICAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IT WAS TRUE THAT POOR MEMBER COUNTRIES HAD RECEIVED SOME ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEVELOPED MEMBER COUNTRIES. -- MORE
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+IT WOULD BE CHURLISH OF ME NOT TO ADMIT THAT ALL THESE HELP. THAT IS WHY WE ARE STILL IN THE COMMONWEALTH DESPITE OUR OTHER OBJECTIONS,+ HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, MANY DELEGATES TO THE SIX-DAY MEETING HAVE EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR'S VIEW ON THE NEED TO APPLY SANCTIONS AGAINST THE PRETORIA REGIME NOW.

CHAIRMAN OF THE CPA'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DR BAL RAM JAKHAR OF INDIA SAID THE SANCTIONS MUST BE APPLIED AT +FULL BLAST+.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO NIZAM MOHAMED AGREED THAT DELAY IN APPLYING SANCTIONS WOULD ONLY LEAD TO FURTHER TENSION AND THE BLACKS BEING FURTHER OPPRESSED BY THE PRETORIA REGIME. -- BERNAMA.
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