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SUBANG, OCT 21 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY SHARE PRICES AND THE MALAYSIAN STOCK MARKET HAVE NOT BEEN HIT BADLY FOLLOWING THE FALL IN STOCK PRICES IN THE WORLD MARKET.

IN FACT, MANY FOREIGN INVESTORS CONSIDER OUR SHARE PRICES LOW AND FEEL THAT +THIS IS THE BEST TIME TO BUY,+ HE TOLD REPORTERS AT THE KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HERE ON HIS RETURN FROM VANCOUVER.

WHILE THE DROP IN STOCK PRICES WORLDWIDE HAD SOMEWHAT AFFECTED THE LOCAL MARKET, THE DRASTIC FALL IN STOCK PRICES IN THE WORLD MARKET HAD NO CONNECTION WITH MALAYSIA, HE ADDED.

ON THE RECENT INTRUSION BY SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES (SAF) PERSONNEL IN JOHOR RECENTLY, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE HAD IMPRESSED ON SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW THE NEED FOR HIS GOVERNMENT TO GIVE SERIOUS ATTENTION TO THE MATTER AND DEFINITE DIRECTIVES TO ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL.

HE ADDED THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH ENCIK LEE'S CLARIFICATION OF THE INCIDENT AND WAS CONFIDENT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE REPEATED. -- MORE
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IF THE INCIDENT RECURS, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR MALAYSIA TO CONSIDER THE ACTION AS UNINTENTIONAL, HE ADDED.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO STRESSED THE NEED TO PRESERVE THE GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND THE REPUBLIC. -- BERNAMA
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