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MAHATHIR-PREPADASA RRR  
(EMBARGO) FOR RELEASE AFTER 10.30 TONIGHT, AUG.1)

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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 1 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT CRITICISED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THEIR CONTINUED OBSTRUCTION OF EFFORTS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO IMPROVE THEIR ECONOMY.

HE SAID THESE COUNTRIES HAD ATTEMPTED TO HINDER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY CONSTANTLY ERECTING PROTECTIONIST WALLS UNDER VARIOUS GUISES.

+DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SEEK MORE TRADE AND NOT AID, YET THE WALLS OF PROTECTIONISM ARE CONSTANTLY BEING ERECTED AGAINST OUR EXPORTS,+ HE SAID AT A DINNER IN HONOUR OF VISITING SRI LANKAN PRIME MINISTER RANASINGHE PREMADASA AT SERI PERDANA HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' EFFORTS CONTINUED TO BE HAMSTRUNG BY THE +RICH-MAN'S+ CLUB OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE +INSIDIOUS AND UNDERHAND+ CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY THOSE COUNTRIES AGAINST MALAYSIA'S PALM OIL AND OTHER TROPICAL VEGETABLE OILS. -- MORE  
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MAHATHIR-PREPADASA 2 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO)

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE PRINCIPLES OF FAIR TRADE INITIALLY VOICED BY THOSE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD BE UPHELD AND NOT MERELY PAID LIP SERVICE TO.

+THE BEGGAR THY NEIGHBOUR POLICY OF SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DOES NOT SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

+INSTABILITY IN THE SYSTEM IS BOUND TO HAVE SERIOUS EFFECTS DETRIMENTAL TO THE WELLBEING OF THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MUST APPRECIATE THAT THE PROSPERITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECTS ON THEIR EXPORTS AND SALES OF THEIR MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS.

ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, HE SAID MALAYSIA WAS READY TO EXPAND EXCHANGES AND CO-OPERATION WITH SRI LANKA WITH WHICH IT HAD CLOSE CO-OPERATION IN THE CULTURAL FIELD, AIR AND SEA TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AS TRADE. -- MORE  
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MAHATHIR-PREPADASA 3 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO)

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS HAPPY THAT MALAYSIA AND SRI LANKA SHARED IDENTICAL VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ISSUES SUCH AS THE CONCEPT OF ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY, THE AFGHANISTAN AND KAMPUCHEAN PROBLEMS AND DRUG ABUSE.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT ENCIK PREMADASA'S VISIT WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING CLOSE TIES AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

ENCIK PREMADASA AND HIS WIFE ARRIVED HERE TODAY FOR A FIVE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT. -- BERNAMA  
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MAHATHIR-PREMASA 4 KUALA LUMPUR (REOPENS EARLIER ITEM)

IN HIS SPEECH LATER, PREMASA PRAISED MALAYSIA'S ROLE IN ASEAN. HE SAID SRI LANKA HAD EMULATED THE WORTHY EXAMPLE OF MALAYSIA AND WAS ABLE TO GET TOGETHER WITH FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IN SOUTH ASIA TO ESTABLISH AN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION.

+I HOPE IN YEARS TO COME WE WILL HAVE SIMILAR COOPERATION BETWEEN THESE ESTABLISHED REGIONAL GROUPINGS WHICH WILL THEN ENABLE US TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE COOPERATION THAT HAS BEEN INAUGURATED,+ HE SAID.

HE ALSO THANKED THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE GIVEN SO FAR AND HOPED THAT IN FUTURE, BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE GREATER ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

ENCIK PREMASA SAID SRI LANKA HAD SET UP INVESTMENT PROMOTION ZONES AND INVITED MALAYSIA TO SET UP JOINT VENTURES IN THESE ZONES.

ALSO PRESENT WERE FOREIGN MINISTER DATUK ABU HASSAN OMAR, CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT TAN SRI SALLEHUDDIN MOHAMED AND DEPUTY NATIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER DATUK TAJOL ROSLI GHAZALI.

-- BERNAMA

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