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KUALALUMPUR, SEPT 26 ((BERNAMA)) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR
MOHAMAD IS CONFIDENT THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY COULD UPHOLD THE
IMAGE OF THE NATION WITH DECORUM AND COURTESY DURING THE
COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING (CHOGM) BEGINNING HERE ON
OCT 18.

THE PRIME MINISTER IS CONFIDENT THAT THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY
THOSE IN THE CAPITAL CITY, WOULD BE PREPARED TO PUT UP WITH SOME
INCONVENIENCES IN THEIR DAILY ROUTINE AND BUSINESS FOLLOWING TIGHT
SECURITY TO BE IMPOSED DURING THE CHOGM.

HE SAID THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD WELCOME THE GUESTS OF THE NATION
JUST LIKE THEY WOULD ANY OTHER VISITORS.

HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER CHAIRING A MEETING OF THE CHOGM
ADVISORY PANEL HERE TODAY THAT BELIZE AND DOMINICA WOULD NOT BE ABLE
TO ATTEND THE CHOGM HERE BECAUSE OF VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES LIKE AN
ELECTION.

HE SAID THAT THE 37 OF THE 45 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE
CHOGM WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.

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ON SECURITY DURING THE CHOGM, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT
THE NUMBER OF SECURITY PERSONNEL WAS ADEQUATE AND MALAYSIA WOULD
HAVE THE COOPERATION OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD THE
EXPERIENCE OF HOSTING THE CHOGM IN VANCOUVER.

HE EXPECTED THE SECURITY MEASURES TO BE THE BIGGEST EVER MOUNTED
BECAUSE MALAYSIA HAD NEVER HOSTED A MAJOR MEETING LIKE THE SCALE OF
CHOGM.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS
MEETING WITH PAKISTANI PRESIDENT BENAZIR BHUTTO FOLLOWING THE
REPUBLIC'S RE-ENTRY, INTO THE COMMONWEALTH.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT HE AND HIS BRITISH
COUNTERPART, PUAN MARGARET THATCHER, WOULD SIGN A PACT ON THE
CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY OF DADAH TRAFFICKERS BESIDES HOLDING
MEETINGS WITH OTHER LEADERS DURING THE CHOGM. -- BERNAMA

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