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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 16 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY STRESSED THE NEED FOR CLOSER INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION, PARTICULARLY AMONG COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES, IN THE WAR AGAINST DADAH TRAFFICKERS.

THE PRIME MINISTER WARNED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF DADAH TRAFFICKERS WHO HAD BECOME POWERFUL AND WEALTHY, OVERTHROWING GOVERNMENTS.

IN VIEW OF SUCH A POSSIBILITY, HE SAID, THE COMMONWEALTH NEEDED TO VIEW THE MATTER VERY SERIOUSLY AND DECIDE ON ACTIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS WERE NOT OVERTHROWN BY DADAH BARONS.

THE WORLD HAD WITNESSED THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DADAH PROBLEM AFFECTING SOME GOVERNMENTS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF DADAH TRAFFICKERS TAKING OVER THE GOVERNMENT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

HE WAS APPARENTLY REFERRING TO COLOMBIA WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN A STATE OF SIEGE AFTER DADAH BARONS DECLARED WAR ON THE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING TOUGH MEASURES AGAINST TRAFFICKERS.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS SPEAKING A PRESS CONFERENCE ON ISSUES LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING (CHOGM) BEGINNING WEDNESDAY. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DA MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THAT MALAYSIA HAD ALWAYS VIEWED THE DADAH PROBLEM VERY SERIOUSLY.

AT THE RECENT UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK, MALAYSIA PROPOSED THE FORMATION OF A UN MILITARY FORCE TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM.

+DADAH ABUSE IS A WORLD PROBLEM AND IT NEEDS TO BE TACKLED GLOBALLY, HE STRESSED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID MALAYSIA WOULD BE SIGNING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH MORE COUNTRIES TO ALLOW IT TO CONFISCATE ASSETS OF CONVICTED DADAH TRAFFICKERS SIMILAR TO THE ONE WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE SIGNING WITH HIS BRITISH COUNTERPART PUN MARGARET THATCHER! DURING CHOGM.

MALAYSIA HOPED TO CONFISCATE SUCH ASSETS WHEREVER THEY WERE, HE ADDED.

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