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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 16 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAH
ATHIR

MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THAT THE BRITISH SHOULD ACCEPT THE FACT THEY CANNOT
IMPOSE THEIR RULES UPON OTHER COUNTRIES.

RESPONDING TO A QUESTION FROM A BRITISH JOURNALIST AT A
PRE-COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING (CHOGM) PRESS CONFERENCE
HERE,

HE STRESSED THAT MALAYSIA DID NOT WANT TO BE BOUND BY THE BRITISH COMMON
LAW
BECAUSE OF DIFFERING VALUE SYSTEMS.

+THE QUESTION IS THE COMMON LAW IS COMMON TO WHO. IF IT IS COMMON
TO

THE BRITISH, IT IS NOT NECESSARILY COMMON TO MALAYSIANS. WE HAVE OUR
OWN

VALUE SYSTEM AND CULTURE WHICH FORM THE BASIS OF OUR OWN LAW.+

+TO CITE A CASE IN BRITAIN MAYBE 20 OR 100 YEARS AGO AND ON THAT BASIS

MAKE A DECISION IN MALAYSIAN COURT IN A CURRENT CASE, I THINK IT IS NOT

QUITE RIGHT,+ HE STRESSED.

HE SAID MALAYSIANS HAD THEIR OWN WAY OF THINKING, OWN VALUE SYSTEM
AND

OWN WAY OF DECIDING HOW THE CASE COULD BE SETTLED. -- MORE

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+I'M QUITE SURE THAT THE BRITISH ARE LIBERAL AND LIBERAL ENOUGH TO
ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THEY CANNOT IMPOSE THEIR OWN RULES UPON OTHERS,+

HE
ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR HAHATHIR ALSO SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT THERE WERE
MALAYSIANS WANTING TO IMPOSE THE BRITISH LAW IN THIS COUNTRY, BUT SAID
THAT

THEY FORMED A SMALL MINORITY WHICH LACKED SUPPORT FROM THE MAJORITY OF

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MALAYSIANS. -- BERNAHA

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