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SUBANG, APRIL 1 9 (BERNAMA)- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD
TONIGHT ADVISED MALAYSIAN TROOPS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING
FORCE IN NAMIBIA TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES WITH DISCIPLINE AND TO
PROTECT THE IMAGE OF THE COUNTRY.

THIS WAS A HEAVY DUTY, HE SAID, AS THEY WERE NOT ONLY
REPRESENTING THE COUNTRY BUT ALSO HAD TO WORK UNDER THE UN BANNER
TOWARDS ENSURING THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA.

+YOUR DUTIES THERE ARE VERY CHALLENGING AND YOU ARE GOING THERE
NOT AS TOURISTS, + HE SAID WHEN SENDING OFF THE SECOND BATCH OF 210
ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL TO THE SOUTH-WEST AFRICAN TERRITORY. THEY
WILL BE SERVING WITH THE MILITARY SECTION OF THE 4,650-STRONG UN
TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE GROUP (UNTAG).

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ADVISED THEM TO BE WARY OF THE DANGERS
WHILE SERVING THERE CUE TO FIGHTING STILL GOING ON BETWEEN SWAPO
GUERILLAS AND SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY FORCES. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIA WAS PROUD OF BEING CHOSEN
BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO SERVE WITH THE MILITARY SECTION OF UNTAG.
OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE MILITARY SECTION ARE FINLAND AND KENYA.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE FUNCTION WERE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR
SITI HASMAH ALI, DEFENCE MINISTER TENGGU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN, DEPUTY
DEFENCE MINISTER DATUK ABANG ABU BAKAR MUSTAPHA, DEFENCE FORCES
CHIEF JEN TAN SRI MOHAMED HASHIM ALI AND CHIEF OF ARMY JEN TAN SRI
YAACUB MOHAMED ZAIN.

THE SECOND BATCH OF MALAYSIAN PERSONNEL, FROM THE 17TH ROYAL
MALAY REGIMENT? LEFT BY A SPECIAL UN FLIGHT. -- BERNAMA
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