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BANGI, A U G 15 (BERNAMA)-- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY MALAYSIA HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE UNITED STATES USING FACILITIES IN SINGAPORE BUT NOT TO A PERMANENT MILITARY BASE.

+OUR STAND IS THAT WE DO NOT AGREE IF SINGAPORE IS TO BE TURNED INTO A PERMANENT US MILITARY BASE,+ HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER PRESENTING THE NATIONAL COLOURS TO MALAYSIA'S SEA GAMES CHEF-DE-MISSION HAJI KAMALUL ARIFFIN ABDUL RAHLM AT THE NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP HERE.

HE SAID MALAYSIA HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE US USING THE REPUBLIC AS A PLACE WHERE ITS WARSHIPS COULD UNDERGO REPAIRS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOREIGN MILITARY BASE IN SINGAPORE, AN ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRY, WOULD TO A CERTAIN EXTENT JEOPARDISE ASEAN'S COMMITMENT TO CREATE A ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY (ZOPFAN) IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

+IT WILL ALSO ENHANCE ESCALATION OF ARMS IN THIS REGION,+ HE SAID. -- MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT HAD INFORMED THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT OF ITS WILLINGNESS TO HOST US MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE REPUBLIC.

THE SINGAPORE PARLIAMENT WAS TOLD ON AUG 4 THAT SINGAPORE WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT US MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE REPUBLIC TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE PHILIPPINES TO CONTINUE HOSTING US BASES.

A HIGH-LEVEL DEFENCE TEAM FROM THE US LAST MONTH VISITED SINGAPORE TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING ITS NAVAL AND AIR FORCE FACILITIES IN THE REPUBLIC.

ON THE ABDULLAH ANG'S CONTROVERSY, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE HOME AFFAIRS MINISTRY WOULD ASCERTAIN THE TRUTH AS TO THE ALLEGED SPECIAL TREATMENT HE RECEIVED WHILE SERVING SENTENCE IN THE KAJANG PRISON.

+I ALSO WANT TO KNOW ON WHAT GROUNDS ABDULLAH WAS ACCORDED SPECIAL TREATMENT AND WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING,+ SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS ALSO HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER. -- MORE

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DEPUTY HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER DATUK MEGAT JUNID MEGAT AYOB WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY AS SAYING THAT HE HAD RECEIVED REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION CARRIED OUT BY THE KAJANG PRISON AND WOULD DISCUSS IT WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

+THE TRUTH WILL BE KNOWN ONCE REPORT ON THE MATTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THOSE INVOLVED,+ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID. -- BERNAMA

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