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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 16<sup>90</sup> (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY MALAYSIA HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL PROPOSAL FROM SINGAPORE FOR A JOINT INSPECTION OF MILITARY BASES IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT SINCE THE PROPOSAL, MADE BY SINGAPORE'S PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW RECENTLY, HAD YET TO BE OFFICIALLY SUBMITTED, THE TWO SIDES HAVE NOT SAT DOWN TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.

+FURTHERMORE, I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM (AN OVERSEAS) LEAVE,+ HE TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER HOSTING A LUNCH FOR THE NATIONAL THOMAS CUP SQUAD AT THE PAN-PACIFIC HOTEL.

ENCIK LEE, WHO MADE THE PROPOSAL AFTER A ONE-DAY VISIT HERE, SAID THE MOVE WOULD HELP RID SUSPICIONS ON THE MILITARY STRENGTH OF THE TWO NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES.

ASKED WHETHER THE PROPOSAL WOULD BENEFIT MALAYSIA, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THIS HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED BECAUSE THE PROPOSAL HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED.

THE MATTER WOULD PROBABLY BE DISCUSSED BY THE CABINET, HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE ARMED FORCES HAD NOT SUBMITTED ITS VIEWS ON THE MATTER. -- BERNAMA  
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