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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 25<sup>90</sup> (BERNAMA) -- TEN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE GROUP OF 15 MEMBER NATIONS WILL ATTEND THE FIRST G-15 SUMMIT CONFERENCE HERE BEGINNING JUNE 1, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE OTHER FIVE COUNTRIES -- JAMAICA, EGYPT, BRAZIL, MEXICO AND PERU COULD NOT ATTEND AND WERE EXPECTED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MANY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WISHED THEY COULD ATTEND BUT HAD TO DEAL WITH OTHER MATTERS SUCH AS NATIONAL ELECTION AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS FIXED EARLIER.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER WITNESSING A FULL-DRESS REHEARSAL FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE G-15 SUMMIT CONFERENCE AT THE BANQUET HALL, PARLIAMENT HOUSE HERE TODAY.

THE OTHER G-15 MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, INDIA, INDONESIA, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, VENEZUELA, YUGOSLAVIA, ZIMBABWE AND MALAYSIA.

THE THREE-DAY SUMMIT CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT CARCOSA SERI NEGARA.-- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SUMMIT SO FAR.

HE SAID THE EXPERIENCE IN HOSTING LAST YEAR'S COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING (CHOGM) CAME IN HANDY IN MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE G-15 SUMMIT.

HE SAID THERE COULD A CONFERENCE HITCH AS SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS MIGHT SPEAK IN FIVE LANGUAGES.

THE GROUP OF 15 COMPRISING DEVELOPING STATES OF THE SOUTH WAS FORMED AT THE SUMMIT MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN BELGRADE LAST SEPTEMBER.

ITS ESTABLISHMENT WAS AIMED AT INSTENSIFYING COOPERATION BETWEEN THIRD WORLD NATIONS BY IDENTIFYING PROJECTS FOR COMMON UNDERTAKING AND BENEFITS.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE FULL-DRESS REHEARSAL WERE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT DATUK AHMAD SARJI ABDUL HAMID, FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY-GENERAL DATUK AHMAD KAMIL JAAFAR AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE INFORMATION MINISTRY DR MAZLAN AHMAD. -- BERNAMA  
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