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SUMMIT-DEMOCRACY

KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 1 (BERNAMA) -- MALAYSIA TODAY WELCOMED THE GLOB  
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CHANGE TOWARDS THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM BUT WARNED AGAINST DEMOCRACY BE  
COMING  
THE KIND OF RELIGION THAT COMMUNISM BECAME.

PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID CHANGES TAKING  
PLACE

NOW WOULD HAVE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD AND NO  
PART OF

THE WORLD WAS BEING LEFT UNTOUCHED BY THE WIND OF CHANGE.

+FORTUNATELY, ALMOST ALL THE CHANGES TAKING PLACE ARE FOR THE GOOD  
OF

THE HUMAN RACE,+ HE SAID AT THE OPENING OF THE INAUGURAL SUMMIT OF TH  
E GROUP

OF 15 (G-15) OR GROUP FOR SOUTH-SOUTH CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION, A  
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PARLIAMENT HOUSE HERE.

IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEW, DEMOCRACY AS A SYSTEM DEvised TO FRE  
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PEOPLE AND PERMIT THEM TO DECIDE THEIR OWN DESTINY WAS BECOMING A SYS  
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THAT WAS WORSHIPPED FOR ITSELF.

DEMOCRACY WAS NO LONGER A MEANS TO AN END BUT HAD BECOME AN END IN  
ITSELF, HE SAID, IN ARGUING THAT THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS OF THE WEST HA  
D NOW

SET THESELVES UP AS THE HIGH PRIESTS OF DEMOCRACY WHO DEMANDED THAT O  
THERS

SHOULD COMPLY WITH THEIR LATEST INTERPRETATION OF THEIR DEMOCRATIC  
FAITH. -- MORE-

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+SANCTIONS AND TRADE RESTRICTIONS AND VICIOUS CAMPAIGNS THAT IMPOSE  
ERISH  
THE ALREADY POOR ARE THE WEAPONS THEY USE TO FORCE THEIR LIBERAL DEMO  
CRATIC  
IDEAS ON THOSE THEY DEEMED NOT MEASURING UP TO THEIR STANDARDS,+ SAID  
DATUK  
SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE THREE-DAY SUMMIT.  
THE METHODS USED, HE SAID, ONLY DIFFERED A LITTLE FROM THE SUBVERSIVE  
STRATEGY OF COMMUNIST PROSELYTISERS.

HE SPOKE OF THE PRESSURE GROUPS OR THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS  
SET UP BY CITIZENS IN WESTERN NATIONS WHICH HAD BECOME SO POWERFUL AND  
FINANCIALLY STRONG THAT IT WAS USUALLY BEYOND THE CAPACITY OF MOST OF  
THE  
COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH TO RESIST OR COUNTER.

HE SAID THESE GROUPS HAD CONTROL OF THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA WHICH  
WAS  
ALMOST TOTALLY DENIED THEIR VICTIMS.

THIS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO THREATEN THE EXPORTS OF DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES AND BY DOING SO THEY COULD EXERT POWERFUL INFLUENCE TO FOIST  
THEIR  
DEMOCRATIC NORMS ON OTHERS. -- MORE  
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+IN FACT, IT AMOUNTS TO IMPERIALISM BY OTHER MEANS. AND LIKE  
IMPERIALISM IN THE PAST, THE SUBJECT NATIONS LANGUISH AND SUFFER WITH  
OUT ANY  
MEANS OF REDRESS,+ HE ADDED.

TURNING TO THE PEOPLES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET REPUBLICS  
WHO  
HAD DISCARDED CENTRALISED POWER IN FAVOUR OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY, THE PRIME  
MINISTER HOPED THEY WOULD NOT BE DISILLUSIONED.

HE BELIEVED THAT MERELY BEING DEMOCRATIC WOULD NOT SAVE THEM FROM  
THE  
POVERTY CREATED BY THEIR FORMER CENTRALLY PLANNED ECONOMIES.

HE SAID POLITICAL STABILITY IN A DEMOCRACY REQUIRED A HIGH DEGREE  
OF  
SOPHISTICATION AMONG THE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO RESTRAIN  
THEIR  
EXERCISE OF DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM IF THEY WERE TO BENEFIT FROM DEMOCRACY

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH WISHED THOSE IN  
EASTERN EUROPE WELL BECAUSE THEIR PROSPERITY COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
COMMON  
WEALTH OF NATIONS. -- MORE

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BUT THE PRIME MINISTER SAID WHILE THE SOUTH WOULD LIKE THEM TO SUCCEED,

IT WAS EQUALLY ANXIOUS TO SEE WHETHER AID, LOANS AND INVESTMENT FUNDS WOULD

BE DIVERTED FROM THE SOUTH IN ORDER TO HELP THOSE IN EASTERN EUROPE.

HE ASKED: +OR WILL ADDITIONAL AND SEPARATE FUNDS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO

THEM. WE WORRY DESPITE THE REPEATED ASSURANCES AND I THINK WE HAVE REASONS

TO WORRY+.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WHEN A FEW DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN EAST ASIA

MADE ECONOMIC PROGRESS, THEY WERE CATEGORISED AS NEWLY INDUSTRIALISING

COUNTRIES (NICS) AND THEIR FURTHER GROWTH INHIBITED BY THE IMPOSITION OF

VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS.

+WILL THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE BE SIMILARLY LABELLED AND SIMILARLY RESTRICTED IF THEY ACHIEVE THE LEVEL OF GROWTH OF THE ASIAN NICS+.

HE ASKED, ADDING THAT +I HOPE WE GET AN ANSWER (FROM THE GROUP OF 7 INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES). -- BERNAMA

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