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MAHATHIR-INDIA

KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 4 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE SCOPE TO ENHANCE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND INDIA.

HE SAID THIS COULD BE DONE BY ENCOURAGING INVESTMENT, TRADE, TOURISM AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES TO HELP PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND FURTHER CONSOLIDATE THE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER FOR VISITING INDIAN PRIME MINISTER V.P SINGH AT SRI PERDANA HERE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR NOTED THAT APART FROM THE CLOSE RELATIONS, THERE HAD ALSO BEEN FREQUENT CONSULTATIONS AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES ON SEVERAL ISSUES IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA.

COMMENTING ON THE CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN THE WORLD, HE SAID: +WHILE THE WORLD SEEMS A LITTLE SAFER NOW, WE MUST NOT BE LULLED INTO BELIEVING THAT ALL IS WELL.

+TYRANNY AND INJUSTICE STILL EXIST IN SOUTH AFRICA, PALESTINE AND ELSEWHERE. POVERTY AND DISEASE STILL REMAIN AS ENDEMIC AS EVER FOR MOST OF THE WORLD AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE STILL UNABLE TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM THE WEB OF INDEBTEDNESS,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIA WAS READY TO WORK WITH INDIA IN THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO THE MANY PROBLEMS THAT CONTINUED TO PLAGUE THE WORLD.

HE NOTED THAT INDIA HAD A TRADITION OF PRODUCING GREAT STATESMEN WHO HAD BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF MANY INITIATIVES TO EASE GLOBAL TENSIONS AND TO BUILD A MORE EQUITABLE ORDER.

+INDIA HAS ALWAYS WORKED FOR A STABLE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND INDIA'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD IS A MATTER OF RECORD,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA
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ENCIK V.P.SINGH, IN HIS SPEECH, STRESSED THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY MALAYSIA IN THE RECENTLY-CONCLUDED G-15 SUMMIT WHICH HE SAID WOULD BRING THE SOUTH COUNTRIES A STEP NEARER TO THEIR OBJECTIVES.

HE ALSO PRAISED MALAYSIA FOR ITS VAST DEVELOPMENT, SAYING THAT THE COUNTRY AND WAS NOW HEADING FOR INDUSTRIALISATION AND SELF-RELIANCE.

ON INDIA-MALAYSIA RELATIONSHIP, HE SAID INDIA DEPENDED A LOT ON MALAYSIA AND BOTH COUNTRIES WERE +GOOD+ ECONOMIC PARTNERS.

ENCIK V.P.SINGH LEAVES FOR HOME TOMORROW. HE WAS ON A TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT HERE AFTER ATTENDING THE G-15 SUMMIT. -- BERNAMA
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