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SUBANG, SEPT 14⁹⁰ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE AGREEMENT REACHED BY THE FOUR WARRING CAMBODIAN FACTIONS RECENTLY WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR THE ENDING OF THE 11-YEAR-OLD WAR IN THAT COUNTRY.

DESCRIBING THE AGREEMENT FOR A NEWLY-FORMED INTERIM AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA AS +GOOD,+ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THEY SHOULD HOLD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS QUICKLY SO THAT THE PROBLEM OF WHO WOULD REPRESENT THE COUNTRY IN THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD BE RESOLVED.

HE WAS COMMENTING ON THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE FACTIONS IN JAKARTA ON MONDAY TO SIT ON A SUPREME NATIONAL COUNCIL (SNC) TO END THEIR WAR. THEY HAD AGREED TO A UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK FOR PEACE PUT TOGETHER BY U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL PERMANENT MEMBERS BRITAIN, CHINA, FRANCE, THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE KUALA LUMPUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN SUBANG ON HIS RETURN FROM A FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA.

ASKED WHETHER MALAYSIA WAS PREPARED TO SEND ITS TROOPS TO PARTICIPATE IN A UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CAMBODIA, HE SAID IT WOULD DO SO IF REQUESTED AND AGREED TO BY FRIENDLY COUNTRIES. -- MORE

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ON HIS VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIA AGREED TO A SOUTH KOREAN REQUEST TO SUPPLY MORE CRUDE OIL BECAUSE THAT COUNTRY WAS FACING A SHORTAGE DUE TO THE CRISIS IN THE GULF.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE QUANTUM OF INCREASE HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED YET AS MALAYSIA ALSO HAD TO MEET HIGHER DEMANDS FROM COUNTRIES LIKE BANGLADESH, THE PHILIPPINES, PAKISTAN AND INDIA.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALLOWED PETRONAS TO STEP UP PRODUCTION BASED ON ITS CAPABILITY TO FULFILL THE INCREASING DEMAND FROM THESE COUNTRIES.

MALAYSIA CURRENTLY PRODUCES 605,000 BARRELS PER DAY AND HAS A PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 650,000 BARRELS.

HE ALSO SAID THAT SOUTH KOREA HAD AGREED TO CONSIDER A MALAYSIAN REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL LANDING RIGHTS FOR MALAYSIA AIRLINES (MAS).

PRESIDENT ROH TAE-WOO ALSO AGREED TO REDUCE THE IMPORT TAX FOR PALM KERNEL OIL, HE SAID. -- MORE

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HE SAID SOUTH KOREA ALSO AGREED TO ALLOCATE US\$1 MILLION (M\$2.7 MILLION) TO SET UP A KOREAN LANGUAGE EDUCATION CENTRE IN MALAYSIA.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT FOLLOWING HIS VISIT, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD IMPROVE FURTHER, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS OF INVESTMENT AND COMMERCE.

DURING HIS VISIT, HYUNDAI, ONE OF SOUTH KOREA'S LEADING HEAVY INDUSTRY FIRMS, AGREED TO STEP UP ITS INVESTMENTS IN MALAYSIA. IT SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH MALAYSIAN CONGLOMERATE, SIME DARBY, TO INCREASE BY TWO-FOLD ITS CAPITAL FOR THE EXPANSION OF A FURNITURE MANUFACTURING PLANT IN SELANGOR.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIA SUPPORTED EFFORTS BY THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO BRING ABOUT UNIFICATION OF THE TWO KOREAS AND THEIR REPRESENTATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS. -- BERNAMA
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