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MAHATHIR-APARTHEID R'R'R

KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 2, (BERNAMA) -- MALAYSIA WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE AGAINST APARTHEID IN EVERY FORUM INCLUDING THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE UNITED NATIONS, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

MALAYSIA WOULD CONTINUE TO ACT AND URGE OTHERS TO APPLY AS MUCH PRESSURE AS POSSIBLE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA TO DISMANTLE APARTHEID, HE SAID.

+ALTHOUGH SOME MIGHT THINK THAT WHAT HAVE BEEN DONE WAS ENOUGH AND IT IS TIME TO CEASE SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, WE OURSELVES ARE NOT YET CONVINCED,+ HE TOLD A MASS RALLY TO HONOUR VISITING SOUTH AFRICAN ANTI-APARTHEID LEADER NELSON MANDELA AT STADIUM NEGARA HERE.

+BUT WE DO NOT THINK THAT IS ENOUGH AND WE FEEL SANCTIONS AGAINST THE APARTHEID REGIME MUST GO ON UNTIL ALL THOSE PEOPLE ARE LIBERATED,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

HE BELIEVED THAT THE INTER-RACIAL UNITY AND COOPERATION IN MALAYSIA COULD ALSO BE APPLIED IN SOUTH AFRICA.-- MORE
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HE HOPED THAT AFTER APARTHEID HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED, THE BLACKS AND WHITES IN SOUTH AFRICA TOGETHER WITH THE OTHERS COULD WORK OUT A SYSTEM OF RELATIONSHIP WHICH WOULD ENABLE THEM TO LIVE PEACEFULLY AND EXPLOIT THE RICH RESOURCES TO BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL, RICHEST AND WEALTHIEST COUNTRY IN THE WHOLE OF AFRICAN CONTINENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID MALAYSIA WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN A FREE SOUTH AFRICA WOULD REJOIN THE COMMONWEALTH AS ITS 51ST MEMBER.

+WE WILL CERTAINLY BE EVER WILLING TO PROPOSE THAT SOUTH AFRICA BECOME A MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THE COMMONWEALTH MORE MEANINGFUL,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIA HAD BEEN CHAMPIONING THE CAUSE OF SOUTH AFRICA SINCE THE ERA OF THEN PRIME MINISTER TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN IN 1961.

+IT WAS TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN WHO ARGUED WITH THE THEN PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA IN A COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN LONDON,+ HE SAID. -- MORE
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+FOLLOWING UPON THAT CONFERENCE, SOUTH AFRICA WAS EXPELLED FROM THE COMMONWEALTH AND WE FEEL ABSOLUTELY NO REGRET ABOUT OUR ROLE THEN,+ HE SAID TO THE APPLAUSE OF THE CROWD.

SINCE THEN, HE SAID MALAYSIA HAD APPLIED SANCTIONS AND HAD NO RELATION DIPLOMATICALLY OR COMMERCIALY WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

+ALTHOUGH WE KNOW SOME OF OUR PRODUCE THAT WE EXPORT TO OTHER COUNTRIES ARE REDIRECTED TO SOUTH AFRICA AND WE HAVE LOST A LOT OF MONEY BECAUSE OF THE SANCTIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS A WORTHWHILE SACRIFICE IN OUR PART,+ HE ADDED.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID MALAYSIA BELIEVED WHAT IT WAS DOING WAS NOT ONLY GOOD FOR THE BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA BUT ALSO GOOD FOR DEMOCRACY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO EXPLAINED TO THE CROWD THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) WERE NOT REVOLUTIONARIES TRYING TO TOPPLE THE GOVERNMENT BUT +THEY ARE MERELY FIGHTING FOR WHAT IS THEIRS BY RIGHT+. -- MORE
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+I'M QUITE SURE THAT NELSON MANDELA BELIEVES IN THAT FORM OF DEMOCRACY. HE HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE BLACK PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA ARE NOT OUT TO TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT AND OPPRESS THE MINORITIES,+ HE SAID.

DESCRIBING MANDELA AS A NATIONALIST WHO HAD CAME OUT OF HIS 27-YEAR IMPRISONMENT +NEITHER BROKEN NOR BEATEN+, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID:

+ MANDELA IS NOT A RACIALIST WHO WANTS TO PUT DOWN OTHER RACES OR ONE WHO WANTS TO ESTABLISH BLACKS SUPREMACY. HE BELIEVES THAT EVERY RACE IN AFRICA SHOULD PLAY THEIR ROLE.

+HE IS NOT ANTI-WHITE BECAUSE THEY ARE WHITE. HE BELIEVE THAT WHITE PEOPLE CAN LIVE TOGETHER WITH BLACK, BROWN, YELLOW PEOPLES AS EQUAL+.

EARLIER, MANDELA WAS GIVEN A ROUSING WELCOME TO THE BEAT OF +KOMPANG+ AND +REBANA UBI+. -- MORE
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HE WAVED AND SMILED TO THE CROWD WHO GAVE HIM A STANDING OVATION AS HE STEPPED ON THE ROSTRUM.

THE CROWD RESPONDED BY WAVING MALAYSIAN AND ANC FLAGS WHILE SOME PUT UP BANNERS PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR THE ANC DEPUTY PRESIDENT.

THE HUGE BOARD FACING THE ROSTRUM WAS WRITTEN +MAHATHIR AND MANDELA CHAMPIONS OF RACIAL EQUALITY+.

ALSO PRESENT WERE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ENCIK GHAFAR BABA, MINISTERS AND THEIR DEPUTIES AND SEVERAL MENTERIS BESAR.

THE OCCASION WAS TELECAST +LIVE+ BY RTM. -- BERNAMA ITEM STORED AS: EA718 ECS 00148 GE 02-11 2016 MAHATHIR APARTHEID 4 KUALA LUMPU