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ATTENTION EDITORS: Correction

In item +Mahathir-environment+, please read the intro as... Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Malaysia might not attend the Earth Summit in Brazil next year.

Here is the corrected version.

Mahathir-environment

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PETALING JAYA, Aug 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Malaysia might not attend the Earth Summit in Brazil next year.

He said that if the international environmental movements had already decided to oust Malaysia from the world, +there is no longer a need for us to attend.+

+If this is their intention, it is therefore not a conference to seek a solution to environmental problems. We all know that our environment is polluted by the industrialised nations, not by Malaysia.

+But they insist on this for political mileage,+ he told reporters after opening the 18th annual general meeting of the Malaysian College of General Practitioners here.

He was referring to a report which states that Malaysia has been chosen as the first target of international hatred and hysteria. According to the report, this is because Malaysia is a small, isolated and a more vulnerable country. -- more

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Mahathir-environment 2 Petaling Jaya

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said that if the international conference on environment was to be staged to suppress the weaker Third World countries, it would be better for these countries to organise their own conference.

By having such a conference, they would be able to be enlightened on the actual situation, he said.

+If we were to go there just to have them hurl abuse at us, there is no point in us attending,+ he added.

The Prime Minister believed that these groups were being funded by certain economic lobbyists to create problems with the intention of destroying the nation's economy so that the people would remain poor and their people prosperous.

+This is what they want...they do not wish to see Malaysians having a good life,+ he added.

He said that +if they were to see us living in peace and prosperity, they will do whatever they can to create chaos.+ -- more

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said that Malaysia would, with a sense of responsibility, explain the situation if it felt necessary to do so but +if they merely wish to declare 'war,' what can we do.+

The Prime Minister said that the problem of the Penans was only a new approach devised by them to suppress the smaller nations.

They had always wanted to dominate the country but since they could not do so politically, they would indirectly resort to whatever means to colonise countries like Malaysia which had already seen some development and bold enough to speak out, he added.

He said that they wish to see the Penans displayed as exhibits in museums so that they would be able to come and gawk at the remnants of the cave-men and as jungle people that did not require care and supervision.

He said that the aborigines in Australia and the Red Indians in the United States were now left behind unlike the Penans and they want the Penans to be treated the same way.

The Prime Minister said that the government intends to see to it that the Penans enjoy the same benefits as other Malaysians. -- moe

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said that Malaysia could do nothing against the the groups which had tarnished Malaysia's image.

He said that Malaysia was told by countries where these groups originate that they did not have the power to prevent their action.

+We are told that their governments are fair, only that these people are not, but the effect on us is the same,+ he said. -- Bernama

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