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MAHATHIR SAYS MALAYSTIA WILL NOT BOW TO PRESSURE

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Malaysia would not bow to pressure from developed countries which were using various issues to restrict its development.

+We will not waver in our stand and for this we must strengthen our unity, our love for the people and nation and continue to work with greater determination,+ he said in his message in the Umno Annual Report published in conjunction with the three-day Umno General Assembly 1991 beginning here on Friday.

He said developed countries had used environmental issues as weapon to restrict the country's development and human rights issues to force Malaysia to bow to them.

+Developed countries are envious of us... imposing various restrictions on our manufactured goods as well as setting up trade blocs,+ he added.

He said they tried to sabotage the setting up the East Asian Economic Grouping (EAEG), initiated by Malaysia, when it was merely a forum to provide a venue for exchanging views and not an economic bloc like that set up by the United States and European Community (EC) countries. -- more

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He thanked God that Umno continued to be strong and its was able to play its role as an +umbrella+ to the Malays and pinnacle of hope for everyone in the country.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir was also thankful for the country's strong economy which, he said, made Malaysia the only developing country which is dynamic and progressive.

However, he reminded Malaysians that a big task, one they had never shouldered in the past, awaited them -- the laying of strong foundations to realise the objective of Vision 2020 to make Malaysia a developed country in 30 years.

Another challenge was how to sustain and enhance existing economic growth, he said.

+The problems of the 90s and the future are problems share by us and other developing nations,+ he added. -- Bernama

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