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DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MUST ACT TO STOP ATROCITIES BY SERBS, SAYS PM

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ALOR SETAR, Aug 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today countries which strongly defended democracy and human rights must act now to stop the atrocities by Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

+They must not wait until...the people are dead,+ he told reporters after a visit to the Perwaja Steel Sdn Bhd rolling mill in Gurun.

He said: +It will be very saddening if developed countries are not willing to act against Serbia. And if the Bosnians are not supplied with weapons, they will become the victims, they will be killed.+

He was commenting on news reports today on a call by Iran for a meeting of the defence ministers of all Islamic nations to discuss military assistance to Bosnia.

Dr Mahathir said that if the Islamic countries wanted to supply weapons to Bosnians, it would be impossible to get the arms through to them because of the sanctions in force against Yugoslavia. -- more

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He said the Bosnians were in a disastrous situation because they did not have weapons while the Serbians were adequately armed.

On reports that Bosnian Serbs wanted to be seen as champions of the Christians to save Europe from Islamic influence, Dr Mahathir said: +I do not see how Muslims can dominate any place because they are still fighting among themselves.+

Malaysia Wednesday severed diplomatic relations with Yugoslavia in protest against its fuelling of the atrocities in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In KOTA BAHARU, Semangat 46 President Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said the decision to cut ties was a mistake as it had closed the channel to continue aiding the Bosnian Muslims.

He said Malaysia could have just downgraded the embassy in Belgrade to keep the diplomatic channel open to keep abreast of the situation there and provide assistance to the Bosnians. -- more

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KARPAL BERI KETERANGAN KEPADA POLIS, MINGGU DEPAN

Karpal - Video

PULAU PINANG, 14 Ogos (Bernama) -- Anggota Parlimen Jelutong, Karpal Singh akan memberi keterangannya kepada polis minggu depan mengenai pita video lucah yang didakwa membabitkan bekas Timbalan Speaker Dewan Rakyat, D. P. Vijandran, kata Ketua Pengarah Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah, Datuk Zaman Khan hari ini.

Dalam satu pertemuan dengan polis di sini, Karpal menyatakan kesediaannya untuk memberi keterangan pada Rabu atau Jumaat, bagi membantu penyiasatan polis mengenai kes itu.

Polis akan menjalankan siasatan terperinci dan akan berusaha menyelesaikannya dalam tempoh yang ditetapkan serta tidak akan mengambil tindakan terburu-buru, katanya pada persidangan akhbar di Ibupejabat Polis Negeri.

Beliau berkata, Karpal memberi persetujuan itu kepada Penolong Pengarah Jabatan Siasatan Jenayah Utama di Bukit Aman, Penguasa Khew Ching Oi, yang juga pegawai penyiasat kes itu.

Pada 21 Julai lepas, Karpal telah menyerahkan pita yang didkawanya lucah membabitkan Vijandran kepada Dewan Rakyat, sambil meminta satu siasatan dijalankan. Dewan kemudian bersetuju menyerahkan pita itu kepada polis.-- Lagi

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Karpal-video 2 (Akhir) Pulau Pinang

Mengenai kes kecurian mikrocip, Zaman berkata terdapat beberapa kes membabitkan pekerja kilang tetapi tidak dilaporkan kepada polis kerana majikan ingin menjaga hubungan baik dengan pekerja.

+Ini tidak akan membantu mengurangkan kes seumpama itu,+ katanya, sambil menyeru majikan mengadakan kawalan ketat bagi perjalanan setiap lori kontena ke pelabuhan dan lapangan terbang kerana kecurian juga sering berlaku ketika dalam perjalanan.

Mikrocip itu dijual di pasaran gelap luar negeri oleh orang tengah yang terdiri daripada orang asing, dan pada 1981 mikrocip bernilai kira-kira $12 juta dilaporkan dicuri.

Zaman juga berkata kebanyakan kes penipuan penggunaan kad kredit membabitkan pihak-pihak hotel dan oleh kerana itu bahagian operasi dan juruwang hotel hendaklah lebih berhati-hati. -- Bernama

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