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MALAYSIA WILL ABIDE BY DECISION ON YUGOSLAVIA
Mahathir-Yugoslavia
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JAKARTA, Sept 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he was not fully satisfied with the outcome of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Foreign Ministers Meeting on the status of the rump Yugoslavia.

He felt the issue on Yugoslavia's membership could have been decided at the ministerial meeting.

+But Malaysia will respect and abide by the decision of the majority on the issue,+ he told reporters after presenting his speech at the 10th NAM Summit here today.

Malaysia wants Yugoslavia, now comprising only of Serbia and Montenegro republics, out of NAM. The two republics claim to be successor of the Yugoslavia but Malaysia and members of Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) do not think so.

NAM foreign ministers decided to put the question of Yugoslavia's membership on hold after a two days of heated debate which ended on Sunday.
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The meeting decided that NAM would take its final position on the status of Yugoslavia in the movement at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly meeting on Sept 15.

Mahathir said Malaysia, however, would remain firm in its decision not to recognise Serbia and Montenegro as successor of Yugoslavia in the movement.

Asked on the proposal at the NAM Summit for a revamp of the UN Security Council, he said the veto power was outdated and no longer suitable.

He said there should be a system to enable voice of the majority be heard and taken into consideration. --Bernama

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