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MAHATHIR THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION AT NAM SUMMIT

JAKARTA, Sept 3 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has received extensive coverage from the major local newspapers at the on-going Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit here.

The leading daily in Indonesia, +Kompas+, today had a front-page photograph of Dr Mahathir attending the plenary session on Tuesday.

It also published on the front page the prime minister's statement at a press conference on his stand that he would continue to voice his opinions although this might irk the West.

Dr Mahathir, who is among about 60 heads of state and government attending the summit, was showered with 47 questions from foreign and local journalists at the press conference yesterday and he answered all of them.

The English daily, +The Jakarta Post+, wrote at length on the Malaysian leader's statement and nearly all the other local newspapers also carried the statement.

Another English daily, +Indonesian Observer+, published the picture of Dr Mahathir greeting Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat, and described them as among the leaders receiving attention from the mass media at the summit. -- Bernama

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