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NAM MEMBERS SHOULD MEET MORE FREQUENTLY, SAYS MAHATHIR

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JAKARTA, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- Leaders of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) member countries 'should meet more frequently to ensure implementation of resolutions adopted' at their summit, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

'We cannot wait three years (for the summit) for the heads of government' to meet to find out whether follow-up measures have been taken, the Prime Minister told a press-conference at the conclusion of the 10th NAM summit' here.

He said he had suggested to several NAM leaders the possibility of setting up a coordinating body which could arrange more frequent meetings at the level of heads of government.

NAM could divide the 108 members into regions and select 'representatives who could meet from time to time, similar to the practice of the World Bank', he said.

NAM, which was established 31 years ago, has members in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe and several other leaders he had had discussions with were in favour of the proposal to have a mechanism for NAM high-level meetings.

He said the 10th NAM summit had been well organised and allowed everyone to express their views.

The movement proved itself to be still relevant in the post-Cold War era because many more countries had become members and others had shown interest,, he added. -- Bernama

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