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DR MAHATHIR DISAPPOINTED WITH CHOGM OUTCOME

from Kuah Guan Oo

LIMASSOL (CYPRUS), Oct 25, (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr

Mahathir Mohamad today expressed disappointment with the outcome of the just-concluded Commonwealth summit, saying the differences of opinion among the member countries were tied to whom they regarded as friends or foes.

"There seems to be double standards, views blurred by who were friends and who were foes. As a result, there is no uniformity in the outcome," he told Malaysian journalists who had covered the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (Chogm) here.

Nevertheless, he said, Malaysia, as a member of the Commonwealth, had to accept the consensus reached.

"However, Malaysia is hopeful that its views can be presented at other forums," said Dr Mahathir, who returns to Kuala Lumpur today.

Citing the case of Bosnia-Herzegovina, he said Malaysia had pressed for handing over of territories to those resident there but some others had wanted the occupied areas to be given to those who occupied them. -- more

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"We know that places where ethnic cleansing had taken place will be given to the Serbs (the aggressors)," he said, adding that this indicated that might was right.

Dr Mahathir said it was not too late to seek ways to resolve the Bosnian problem, and that Britain could take action towards that.

He said Malaysia's presence at this Chogm enabled it to put forward its views on several international issues.

Dr Mahathir also held bilateral meetings with several of his counterparts, Paul Keating of Australia, Goh Chok Tong of Singapore and Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan. -- Bernama

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