

# CYPRUS CHOIGM BIG LETDOWN

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**LIMASSOL (Cyprus):** Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has expressed disappointment with the outcome of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting which ended yesterday.

The Prime Minister said while the leaders called for the withdrawal of foreign forces in an occupied area,

*Dr. M. oversees trip.*  
they had not adopted the same stand in another occupied territory.

He said on one hand, his counterparts had urged the return of one occupied area of a country while in Bosnia-Herzegovina, areas which had undergone ethnic cleansing were to be given to the Serbs.

Thirty-seven per cent of Cyprus' northern territory has been occupied by Turkish forces since 1974.

The issue appeared to have dominated

the discussions with the host pushing for it to be emphasised in the communique.

"We have put forward our views on several issues but we find double-standards in views expressed by others," Dr Mahathir told Malaysian journalists.

He said the leaders were unable to achieve uniformity in their decisions and that Malaysia had to accept the consensus.

He said if Bosnia was a Nato member, the major powers would not have said it

was too late to make a stand on the issue.

"Different views on the issue were expressed at the conference, depending on whether they were from friends or rivals," he added.

In the communique issued at the end of the meeting, the 50 heads of government expressed deep concern at the hostilities and violence in Bosnia.

They strongly condemned the blatant violations of human rights, including ethnic cleansing.

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