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MALAYSIA WAITING FOR REPORT ON GRENADE ATTACK FROM CAMBODIA

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ALOR SETAR, May 20 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Malaysia will wait for the outcome of the Cambodian Government's investigation into yesterday's grenade attack on the Malaysian Embassy in Phnom Penh.

"We have to know whether the attack was aimed at Malaysia or others," he said.

"If the attack was aimed at the Malaysian Embassy, we want to know who was responsible and the reasons for it," he told reporters on arrival here this evening.

Dr Mahathir and his wife Datuk Seri Datin Paduka Dr Siti Hasmah are here to celebrate Hari Raya Aidil Adha tomorrow at their residence Titi Gajah.

So far Malaysia had not been informed who was responsible for the attack on its embassy, the Prime Minister said. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said he had not received any full report on the attack but was informed of it verbally yesterday.

Asked to comment on the resolution adopted by the Angkatan Keadilan Rakyat (Akar) to oppose the entry of the Parti Demokratik Sabah and the Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah into the Barisan Nasional (BN), Dr Mahathir said the matter also depended on the stand adopted by other BN component parties.

"I believe all parties will abide by the wishes of the majority...we count on consensus," he said.

Responding to reporters' questions, the Prime Minister said if the parties could merge it was good but if they could not "we have to accept it." -- more

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Asked to comment on reports that Britain might withdraw its forces from Bosnia, the Prime Minister said, "if they are not prepared to face danger, why should we urge them to stay on. If they are there also they cannot do anything."

If Britain wanted to withdraw its forces from Bosnia it should not restrict forces from other countries from taking its place by resorting to religion and other excuses.

"I think the most important thing now is to give the Bosnians adequate supply of arms and time for them to train and defend themselves. It is their right under the United Nations Charter," he said.

"Any nation has the right to defend itself. If we do not allow them to defend themselves and also not ensure their safety, then it is mean," he said.

If member nations of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) were willing they could send forces to replace the British, he said. -- more  
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"I hope if they (British) withdraw, then at least the UN will support their replacement by others. If they withdraw, the UN also withdraws its forces and leave the Bosnians to be slaughtered by the Serbs, as though the UN was getting orders from others, if that's case, I think there is no point in having the UN," he said. -- Bernama

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