

25/07/1997

Quotes

* "AGAINST all odds, Vietnam and its much-derided soldiers in black pyjamas won against the greatest power on earth. The dominoes did not fall..."

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad describing how Vietnam achieved considerable economic success after a hard-fought war against the United States.

* "We want to embrace borderlessness but we still need to protect ourselves from self-serving rogues and international brigandage..."

Dr Mahathir on money market speculators who are out to destroy the progress made by developing nations, at the opening of the AMM.

* "We suffered in a bipolar world. We know now that a unipolar world is no better..."

Dr Mahathir on how free market economy works to the advantage of rich nations and multinational companies.

* "If we were to react to what others say and not sit down and discuss issues seriously... there wouldn't be an Asean today..."

Dr Mahathir commenting on Hun Sen's statement that if Cambodia was not allowed into Asean, he would go beyond to seek assistance.

* "When Asean celebrates its 60th anniversary, every child in the Asean region will have a school to go to and be able to read and write. I would like to imagine that disease and hunger have become unknown..."

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on his vision for Asean.

* "We have to stop now or there will be no more news for tomorrow..."
deadpanned

Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas when ending his unscheduled Press conference.

* "You are taking off our rights... to have a cup of tea..."

Cambodia Foreign Minister Ung Huot said candidly when mobbed by reporters after the opening ceremony of the 30th Asean Ministerial Meeting.

* "We have to work until midnight but coffee runs out at 4pm..."

A reporter remarked on the supply of drinks to media personnel at the Press Centre.

(END)