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SUMMIT: MYANMAR MORE OPEN AFTER JOINING ASEAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 15 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Myanmar is more open now, compared with its previous total isolation to the rest of the world, since joining Asean.

The once reclusive country was experiencing changes with more foreign investments coming in while its government was much more willing to listen to outside views, he said on the second day of the three-day second Asean Informal Summit, here.

"I think there have been some changes," he said in response to a question on changes in Myanmar after joining Asean.

Dr Mahathir said it was a question of perception because for some people, the change must be total and complete.

He said that to see changes in Myanmar, the people should compare the old days of socialism in Myanmar with the present time.

Myanmar joined Asean earlier this year along with Laos. -- BERNAMA

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