

# ***G-15 meeting***

# ***fruitful, says Dr M***

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## **PM: Issues raised at meeting acted on**

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SUBANG: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad described his trip to Jakarta as fruitful and said most issues raised during the Group of 15 (G-15) meeting had been acted on.

"It was a fruitful meeting where I have found the Group members to be more serious in trying to resolve problems that developing countries face," he said.

Contrary to reports of escalating violence in the capital city of Indonesia, Dr Mahathir said that the spats of violence were only confined in certain areas.

"The situation is just like in Malaysia. We have demonstrations in certain areas. Likewise, problems were in certain places only in Indonesia," he added.

Dr Mahathir added that Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez would be heading the commission that would be responsible for implementing decisions made at the meeting.

Venezuela is the host country to the next G-15 meeting in 2002.

The Prime Minister said he had the opportunity to convene a meeting of the Group of Five — a group initiated by the Group of 77 — which was given the task of formulating and drafting a proposal to

make the G-77 a more effective body.

Dr Mahathir said he also had several bilateral talks with Indonesian president Abdurrahman Wahid, the Prime Ministers of Egypt and Jamaica.

He said he had a dialogue with Malaysians, especially

students who were in Indonesia.

"I am pleased and happy to have met the Malaysians, especially since some made an effort to travel more than 20 hours to attend the dialogue. They had questions for me, plenty of questions to which I had answers to," he said.

Dr Mahathir said he was also proud that Petronas had an office in Jakarta and that they were in close co-operation with the Indonesian petroleum company Pertamina.

"The two companies are working hand in hand exploring for crude oil in Indonesian waters," he said