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FROM WAN AHMAD HULAIMI

LONDON, MARCH 10⁸³ (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD CALLED ON BRITISH PRIME MINISTER PUAN MARGARET THATCHER AT DOWNING STREET YESTERDAY BARELY FOUR HOURS AFTER ARRIVING IN LONDON FROM NEW DELHI.

THE MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER ARRIVED AT NUMBER 10 SPOT ON AT SEVEN IN THE EVENING TO KEEP HIS DINNER DATE WITH PUAN THATCHER, LOOKING NONE THE WORSE FOR WEAR AFTER THE LONG JOURNEY FROM THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MALAYSIA'S NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, ENCIK KASSIM BIN MOHD HUSSIN, WHO MET HIM EARLIER AT HEATHROW.

BOTH DATUK SERI MAHATHIR AND PUAN THATCHER POSED BRIEFLY FOR A BATTERY OF PRESS AND TELEVISION CAMERAMEN BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE DINING ROOM OF NUMBER 10.

THE MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER'S ARRIVAL ON A PRIVATE VISIT TO LONDON WAS, AT HIS OWN REQUEST, A VERY LOW KEY AFFAIR.

BUT EVEN THEN, THE MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER WAS CLEARLY A MAN WHOSE PUBLIC REPUTATION HAD PRECEDED HIM. -- MORE 1705/PA

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HIS VISIT TO LONDON IS WATCHED WITH SOME INTEREST BY THE MEDIA IN THE LIGHT OF A COOLING OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND BRITAIN IN RECENT TIMES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, THE FIRST MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER WITH NO EDUCATIONAL TIES WITH BRITAIN, IS SEEN AS A NEW BREED OF NO NONSENSE MALAYSIAN LEADER.

THE CITY, AS LONDON'S FINANCIAL CENTRE IS KNOWN, REMEMBERS HIM WITH LITTLE ENDEARMENT FOR HIS RETALIATORY MEASURES AGAINST THE STOCK EXCHANGE'S REVISED RULES WHICH MADE IT DIFFICULT TO BUY BRITISH COMPANIES IN THE STOCK MARKET.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALISTS, STILL SMARTING FROM HIS +BUY BRITISH LAST+ POLICY, IS STILL RESENTFUL OF HIS LOOK EAST POLICY WHICH MEANT CONTRACTUAL LOSSES TO THEM TO THE TUNE OF SEVERAL MILLION POUNDS.

A LEADING NATIONAL NEWSPAPER +THE GUARDIAN+, PLAYED UP THE STORY OF DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR'S ARRIVAL YESTERDAY, AND SAID THAT THE FATE OF BRITISH INDUSTRIALISTS WHO SUFFERED FROM HIS POLICY DEPENDED ON WHETHER PUAN THATCHER'S POWERS OF PERSUASION WORKED DURING THEIR DINNER MEETING. -- MORE 1707/PA

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IN SPITE OF THE RESENTMENT FELT BECAUSE OF HIS HARD HITTING POLICIES, IT IS GENERALLY FELT THAT THE MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING HOME SOME LONG STANDING GRUDGES FELT BY MALAYSIA AGAINST BRITISH POST COLONIAL ATTITUDES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR'S BRITISH HOSTS HAVE GONE SOME WAY TO SHOW THAT THEY REGARD HIS VISIT TO BRITAIN, ALBEIT A PRIVATE ONE, AS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TWO COUNTRIES TO PATCH UP PAST MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

TODAY, THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE ENTERTAINED TO LUNCH BY THE CHAIRMAN DESIGNATE OF THE BRITISH OVERSEAS TRADE BOARD, LORD JELlicoe.

FOREIGN SECRETARY FRANCIS PYM, WHO WAS NOT ABLE TO MEET DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR EARLIER DUE TO PRIOR ENGAGEMENTS, WILL CALL ON HIM AT THE MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSION TODAY. -- BERNAMA 1709/PA

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DARI WAN AHMAD HULAIMI

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LONDON, 10 MAC (BERNAMA)-- PERDANA MENTERI MALAYSIA DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD MENGUNJUNGI PERDANA MENTERI BRITISH PUAN MARGARET THATCHER BEBERAPA JAM SAHAJA SETIBANYA DI LONDON DARI NEW DELHI.

BELIAU DIIRINGI OLEH PESURUHJAYA TINGGI MALAYSIA KE UNITED KINGDOM ENCIK KASSIM MOHD HUSSIN YANG MENYAMBUK BELIAU DI LAPANGAN TERBANG HEATHROW.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR DAN PUAN THATCHER MEMBERI PELUANG PARA JURUGAMBAR AKHBAR DAN TELEVISYEN MEMBUAT RAKAMAN SEBELUM MEREKA MASUK KE BILIK MAKAN DI NOMBOR 10 DOWNING STREET.

LAWATAN DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR KE LONDON MENDAPAT PERHATIAN AKHBAR NEMANDANGKAN HUBUNGAN YANG DINGIN ANTARA MALAYSIA DAN BRITAIN SEBELUM INI.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MERUPAKAN PERDANA MALAYSIA YANG PERTAMA YANG TIDAK ADA HUBUNGAN PENDIDIKAN DENGAN BRITAIN DAN DIANGGAP SEBAGAI SEORANG PEMIMPIN MALAYSIA YANG SERIUS PENDIRIANNYA.

BANDARAYA LONDON YANG DIKENALI SEBAGAI PUSAT KEWANGAN ITU KENGINGATI BELIAU TANPA KEMESRAAN KERANA TINDAK-BALASNYA TERHADAP PENYEMAKAN SEMULA SYARAT-SYARAT PASARAN SAHAM LONDON YANG MENYULITKAN PEMBELIAN SYARIKAT-SYARIKAT BRITISH DALAM PASARAN SAHAM.

-- LAGI 1803/0M

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AHLI-AHLI PERUSAHAAN BRITISH MASIH LAGI BELUM MEMUNJUKKAN SIKAP POSITIF TERHADAP DASAR PANDANG KE TIMUR DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR DISEBABKAN MEREKA MENGALAMI KERGIAN KONTRAK BERJUTA-JUTA PAUN.

HARIAN TERKEMUKA THE GUARDIAN TELAH MEMBERI LIPUTAN ISTIMEWA MENGENAI KETIBAAN DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SEMALAM.

MENURUTNYA NASIB AHLI-AHLI PERUSAHAAN BRITISH ADALAH BERGANTUNG KEPADA SAMA ADA PUJUKAN PUAN THATCHER DALAM RUNDINGANNYA DENGAN DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR KEMUDIAN BERJAYA ATAU TIDAK.

WALAUPIH TIMBUL PERASAAN GELISAH DISEBABKAN DASAR PANDANG KE TIMUR ITU TETAPI SECARA UMUM DIRASAI BAHAWA PERDANA MENTERI MALAYSIA TELAH BERJAYA MEMULANGKAN PAKU-BUAH KERAS TERHADAP SIKAP BRITISH YANG SELAMA INI DIRASAI OLEH MALAYSIA.

-- LAGI 1823/0M

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DESAKAN PUAN THATCHER SUPAYA DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR BERSETUJU BERBUNDING DENGANNYA, MENUNJUKKAN MEREKA MENGANGGAP LAWATAN PERDANA MENTERI MALAYSIA ITU WALAUPIH TIDAK RASMI SEBAGAI KESEMPATAN YANG PALING BAIK BAGI KEDUA-DUA NEGARA UNTUK MENGHAPUSKAN SEGALA SALAH FAHAM DI MASA LALU.

HARI INI PERDANA MENTERI DIRAIKAN DALAM SATU MAJLIS MAKAN TENGAH HARI OLEH BAKAL Pengerusi Lembaga Perdagangan Seberang Laut BRITISH LORD JELICOE.

SETIAUSAHA LUAR FRANCIS PYM, YANG TIDAK SEMPAT MENEMUI DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR DISEBABKAN URUSAN, AKAN MENGUNJUNGINYA DI PEJABAT PESURUHJAYA TINGGI MALAYSIA HARI INI. -- BERNAMA 1825:0M