

ASIA - RAHMAN CITES CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN SPEECH

KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 31, REUTER - PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA, TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN, CITED CZECHOSLOVAKIA TONIGHT IN EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE IN MALAYSIA WHO OPENLY SUPPORT CHINESE LEADER MAO TSE- TUNG.

"THESE ARE YOUNG PEOPLE, THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO OPENLY DECLARE THEIR LOYALTY TO MAO TSE-TUNGS REGIME," HE SAID IN A BROADCAST MARKING MALAYSIAS 11TH MERDEKA (INDEPENDENCE) DAY.

"IT IS A SAD THING.....FOR US TO FEEL THAT IN SPITE OF ALL THE THINGS THIS COUNTRY HAS DONE FOR THEM....THEY COULD SHOW SUCH INGRATITUDE TO THIS NATION AND BEHAVE SO ATROCIOUSLY TOWARDS THIS COUNTRY," THE TUNKU ADDED.

HE SAID IF MAO TSE-TUNG TOOK OVER MALAYSIA THE YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD NOT ENJOY THEIR PRESENT FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND RIGHT TO DEMONSTRATE.

"THE CZECHS ARE NOW LEARNING THE BITTER LESSON AND SO WE CAN TAKE OUR LESSON FROM THIS ON WHAT IS HAPPENING IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES," THE TUNKU SAID.

HE SAID TWO THINGS WERE DISTURBING HIM:

1. TENSION WITH THE PHILIPPINES OVER HER REJECTED CLAIM TO THE EAST MALAYSIAN STATE OF SABAH.

(MANILA WITHDREW ALL BUT ONE OF ITS DIPLOMATS FROM KUALA LUMPUR LAST JULY OVER THIS QUESTION, BUT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE NOT BROKEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS).

2. PRESENCE IN THE MIDST OF THE PEOPLE OF A "VERY DANGEROUS ENEMY," WHO HE IDENTIFIED AS A GROUP, WHOSE LOYALTY WAS IN DOUBT.

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