

# Dr M explains our position on Asian Wall Street Journal

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NEW YORK, Wed. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today spelt out Malaysia's position with regard to the *Asian Wall Street Journal* during a meeting with US Secretary of State George Shultz.

He told Mr Shultz of the need for foreigners to appreciate and respect Malaysian laws.

He said the newspaper had not recognised the need to present the facts in its articles.

Foreign Minister Datuk Rais Yatim told the Press after the meeting that Mr Shultz said he understood the situation and did not ask Malaysia to reconsider its action.

The two men also touched on the dadah menace and Dr Mahathir suggested that an international force be set up to take care of narcotic crops planted in various parts of the world.

On the United Nations, he appealed to the US to continue supporting the world body.

Dr Mahathir had a busy day. He had discussions with Iran's Foreign Minister Velayati; met Sonn

San, the leader of one of factions in the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea (CGDK) and spoke to Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

During his meeting with Mr Velayati, the possibility of promoting trade between Iran and Malaysia was raised.

It was suggested that Malaysia join Iran's Trade Commission in order to do this.

Mr Sonn San asked Asean to help the CGDK by setting up and

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maintaining an office in Washington.

Dr Mahathir spoke of the need for the three factions in the coalition to remain united.

In the case of Zimbabwe, Dr Mahathir and Mr Mugabe also spoke of the prospects of having two-way trade.

The Prime Minister invited Mr Mugabe, who is also chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, to visit Malaysia.