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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 5 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY SUGGESTED THAT THE NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY (BERNAMA) WORK OUT A LINK-UP WITH THE PALESTINE NEWS AGENCY (Wafa) TO ENABLE MALAYSIANS TO OBTAIN THE CORRECT INFORMATION ON THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE.

THE PRIME MINISTER MADE THE PROPOSAL DURING HIS TWO-HOUR DISCUSSION WITH THE VISITING PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE, YASSER ARAFAT, AT HIS OFFICE HERE.

+THE PRIME MINISTER BROUGHT UP THE MATTER SO AS TO ALLOW MALAYSIANS TO GET MORE STORIES ON THE PALESTINIANS WHICH ARE LESS BIASED TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES AND THE WEST,+ FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY-GENERAL DATUK AHMAD KAMIL JAAFAR TOLD REPORTERS AT THE END OF THE MEETING.

HE SAID THE POSSIBILITY OF A TIE-UP BETWEEN BERNAMA AND Wafa WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSED BY OFFICIALS FROM BERNAMA, WISMA PUTRA AND THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANISATION (PLO).

ACCORDING TO DATUK AHMAD KAMIL, THE PRIME MINISTER BELIEVED THAT THE LINK-UP WOULD ENABLE MALAYSIA TO THE ASSIST PALESTINIANS DISSEMINATE ONLY THE TRUTHABOUT THEIR STRUGGLE. -- MORE
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DATUK AHMAD KAMIL SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO TOUCHED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF WORKING OUT A FORM OF COOPERATION FOR TELEVISION COVERAGE.

HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

ASKED WHETHER THE LINK-UP OF THE NEWS AGENCIES WILL INVOLVE AN EXCHANGE OF NEWS, HE SAID DETAILS WOULD BE DISCUSSED LATER.

TO ANOTHER QUESTION, DATUK AHMAD KAMIL SAID HE WAS CERTAIN ENCIK ARAFAT WOULD APPRECIATE THE SUGGESTION BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

ENCIK ARAFAT ARRIVED HERE TODAY FOR A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT. HE WAS HERE IN 1984. -- BERNAMA
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