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MALAYSIA WILL NOT BACK OUT FROM EAEC PROPOSAL

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LANGKAWI, April 25 (Bernama)-- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Malaysia will not back out from the proposed East Asia Economic Caucus (EAEC) project and will do everything possible towards realising it.

The Prime Minister said the EAEC was opposed by the United States under the George Bush administration but he did not know what else could be the obstacle now.

"We hope that everyone will agree," he told reporters here when asked on the possibility of the proposal being accepted by President Bill Clinton.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia would continue with its efforts to brief others on the EAEC.

"So long as there is obstacle, we will continue with our efforts to brief others on the proposal," he said. --more

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While hoping that the EAEC could be realised soon, he said Malaysia would not back out from the proposal even if it might take another, 15 years to materialise

On political development in Pakistan following the sacking of Prime Minister Nawaz Shariff, Dr Mahathir hoped that the problem could be resolved either through the court or general election.

Asked about PEMADAM's proposal to overcome "some weaknesses" in Section 39B of the Dangerous Drugs Act, he said the Cabinet would study the paper first.

"We have yet to receive the paper.. we do not know what is the actual situation," he added.

PEMADAM has urged the government to review the Act as there were cases where dadah traffickers were acquitted mere on technical grounds --Bernama

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