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Mahathir - Bosnia

MALAYSIA TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL ON BOSNIA TO OIC

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KOTA KINABALU, May 30 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will submit a proposal to the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) to enable it to come up with a consensus to resolve the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said at present he could not disclose the details of the proposal as it would have to be discussed with OIC member nations.

"We have a proposal involving OIC member countries but we cannot announce details of it until after discussions with them," he told a news conference after a meeting with Sabah Umno leaders here.

He said Malaysia would send its envoy to the OIC to get the views and support of the Muslims countries for its proposal.

However the Government had not decided on whom to send for discussions with the OIC and when the proposal would be submitted, he said. -- more

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Asked whether Malaysia was confident of getting the OIC support for its proposal, he said. "If we can get a consensus it will be good".

He regretted the attitude of the West towards the Bosnia question as the West not only did not want to help the Muslims in Bosnia but also prevented the Muslims from getting arms to defend themselves.

"This is like ordering people with weapons to kill unarmed people and preventing those without weapons from getting them to defend themselves," he said.

This had never happened in the world before, he said.

He criticised the West which talked about championing human rights but did not want to help the Muslims in Bosnia, whose human rights had been violated.

"We see unsurpassed atrocities being committed against the Muslims in Bosnia by the Serbs. They are violating human rights but the Muslims are not getting any help," he said. -- more

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On the possibility of the Federal Government amending the Constitution to enable Tun Datu Haji Mustapha bin Datu Harun to keep his Usukan seat even after being sworn as Federal Minister of Sabah Affairs, Dr Mahathir said the government was weighing the matter.

On his meeting with Sabah Umno leaders, Dr Mahathir, who is party president, said that he told them of the role they would have to play when Umno came up with any action.

The Prime Minister and his wife left here at about 7pm for Alor Setar.

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Mahathir - Bosnia 4 (last) Kota Kinabalu

Meanwhile Chairman of the Kadazan, Dusun and Murut Special Committee Datuk Kasitah Gadam said the Prime Minister's willingness to launch the Pesta Kaamatan or Harvest Festival showed that Federal Leaders were well versed with the cultures of Sabah.

The Prime Minister's presence nailed opposition claims that Federal leaders were not very happy with such festivals being held in the state, he said.

The event was also historical because for the first time a Prime Minister had launched the Pesta Kaamatan, Kasitah said.

Earlier the Prime Minister and his wife Datuk Seri Datin Paduka Dr Siti Hasmah were given a Sabah traditional welcome on arrival at the Dewan Foo Chow here for the celebrations.

Heavy rain which fell just before Dr Mahathir and his delegation arrived did not prevent more than 5,000 people from greeting them and taking part in the festivities.

The launching of the Pesta Kaamatan was carried live by RTM.

The Unduk Ngadau or Harvest Queen Gloria Joseph was crowned by Dr Siti Hasmah. -- Bernama

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