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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 22 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad discussed the Bosnia question with visiting British Prime Minister John Major in hour-long talks at the Prime Minister's Department here.

The four-eyed talks originally scheduled for 30 minutes extended into an hour with Bosnia taking centre stage, Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said when briefing newsmen on the talks.

Dr Mahathir explained Malaysia's policy, stand and attitude on the Bosnia issue to the British leader, he said.

Britain, a permanent member of the UN Security Council, could use its wide influence to resolve the Bosnia issue, Abdullah said.

Later the two Prime Ministers led their respective delegations to further talks. -- more

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The two Prime Ministers acknowledged that relations between Malaysia and Britain had become closer lately particularly in the economic and trading fields.

This was evident in the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between British companies and Malaysia for major projects in the country.

Dr Mahathir also sought Britain's help to train Malaysian English Language teachers to help ease the shortage of such teachers in the country.

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Details of the co-operation in the field of education would be worked out when a British delegation visits Malaysia in November, he said.

Britain and Malaysia also discussed the possibility of expanding the university twinning programmes to cut down on the expenditure of sending students to the United Kingdom for further studies.

Abdullah said there had been a proposal for a British university to set up a branch campus here but this had to be studied first because Malaysia's education policy stipulated that the medium of instruction should be in Malay.

The question of an increase in the number of Malaysia Airlines flights to Britain was also raised in the talks in view of the many passengers from this country going to Britain, he said.

Apart from Abdullah, the Malaysian delegation to the talks also included Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak. -- more

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One of the five major projects in which there would be British participation is the KL International Airport in Sepang.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on this was signed by the Chairman of the Kuala Lumpur International Airport Berhad (KLIA) Bhd Tan Sri, Sheriff Kassim and a representative of Anglo Japanese Airport Consortium Sdn Bhd (AJAC) Sir Robin Biggam.

A MOU was also signed between UMW Corporation Sdn Bhd and Specialist Vehicles Ltd (SK) for the setting up of a joint venture company to build buses for the Malaysia and Asia-Pacific markets.

Another MOU was between Edaran Otomobil Nasional Berhad (EON) and Trafalga House Construction Ltd to provide for the setting up of Cleveland-EON Asia Sdn Bhd for vehicle building activities.

The MOU between Genting Sanyen (M) Sdn Bhd and British Gas was for the building of a power plant in Kuala Langat, Selangor.

A MOU was also signed between Tenaga Nasional Berhad and John Brown (M) Sdn Bhd for the installation of turbine gas generator at Pasir Gudang, Johor. -- Bernama

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