

PM reaffirms KL's backing for Bosnia

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today reaffirmed Malaysia's support for Bosnia regardless who led the Government of that country.

He said, however, that the issue of Haris Silajdzic resigning as Prime Minister needed to be resolved quickly to enable the Bosnian Government to focus on fighting the Serbs.

"We support whoever represents the Government of Bosnia," Dr Mahathir said

after a ceremony to lift the skybridge of the Petronas Towers at the Kuala Lumpur City Centre project site in Jalan Pinang here.

He was asked about Malaysia's stand on Bosnia should there be a change in the leadership of the Government there.

Dr Mahathir also said that Malaysia had yet to get a clearer picture on Silajdzic's position but hoped the matter could be settled speedily.

"We still haven't got anything clear about what actu-

ally happened with Haris. I hope that this can be resolved because it is very important that they focus on fighting the Serbs."

Dr Mahathir had earlier directed Wisma Putra to ascertain the situation in Bosnia.

Silajdzic was reported to have offered to resign from his post last Thursday over a dispute with Foreign Minister Muhamed Sacirbey.

His party is reported to have given him until Wednesday to withdraw his

resignation, otherwise President Alija Izetbegovic would call a special meeting on Thursday to consider the appointment of a new Prime Minister.

Commenting on the success of the Croatian army in defeating the Serb aggressors in Knin, capital of Krajina, and their advance into Petrinja, the largest city north of Krajina, Dr Mahathir said it showed that the Serbs were not invincible and could be defeated.