

# Bosnians can stay as long as needed, says PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Bosnians who have sought refuge in Malaysia can stay on in the country until such a time when they feel the need to return to their homeland, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"I believe they will return to Bosnia. They are here temporarily," the Prime Minister said when asked to comment about the fate of the Bosnians in Malaysia now that the peace talks in the Balkan states have been

concluded.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, was speaking during a Press conference at the end of the three-day party general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

Malaysia took in several hundred Bosnians on humanitarian grounds when war broke out in the Balkan states.

There are also Bosnians studying at the International Islamic University in Petaling Jaya.