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UMNO YOUTH WANTS M'SIA TO ACT AS MEDIATOR IN RESOLVING CHECHNYA PROBLEM

KUALA LUMPUR, April 8 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth will meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad soon to seek the government's consent to its proposal that Malaysia be granted the mandate to act as a mediator for a peaceful resolution in Chechnya.

Umno Youth leader Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik said today that the Russian embassy would be officially informed if the prime minister gave his consent.

The embassy would not comment on the matter now as the proposal had not received the consent of the Malaysian government, he told reporters after submitting a protest note, which among other things, contained the proposal, to the embassy, here.

In the note, Umno Youth condemned the widespread atrocities, genocide and inhuman treatment of Chechens by the Russian government and called for a peaceful and amicable solution to create peace and order in the Balkan state.

Before handing over the note, Rahim and about 40 members of the Federal Territory Umno Youth and the Malaysian Youth Council held a peaceful demonstration outside the embassy grounds carrying banners condemning the Russian atrocities. -- Bernama

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