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ALBRIGHT CALLS ON DR MAHATHIR

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KUALA LUMPUR, July 26 (Bernama) -- U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office here.

Albright held a 45-minute meeting with Dr Mahathir during which they discussed bilateral and international issues.

The U.S official arrived here last night to attend the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference (PMC) on Monday. It is being held in the wake of the Cambodian political crisis and speculative attacks on ASEAN currencies.

The Cambodian situation is expected to be discussed at the PMC.

Meanwhile President Clinton's special envoy to Cambodia, Stephen Solarz held talks with Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim here last evening. He also met Cambodia's Second Prime Minister Hun Sen in Phnom Penh yesterday.

Solarz reportedly said that he would make a full report today to Albright on the situation in Cambodia and the prospects of a peaceful political solution to the current crisis.

ASEAN has deferred indefinitely Cambodia's admission into the grouping after Hun Sen ousted First Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh on July 6.

ASEAN agreed on Friday to intensify cooperation in a bid to stabilise their economies following recent plunges in Asian currency values.

Reports said that the U.S will call on ASEAN members to put their "economies in order." -- BERNAMA

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