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MALAYSIA/KUWAIT AGREE TO EXCHANGE NEWS

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KUWAIT CITY, April 6 (Bernama) -- Malaysia and Kuwait today agreed that their respective national news agency establish contact to enable both countries to receive accurate information about one another directly.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the move was important as both countries were currently receiving news of each other through foreign agencies which were at times were inaccurate.

The agreement was reached during talks between Malaysia and Kuwait at the Bayan Palace here. Dr Mahathir led the Malaysian delegation while the Kuwaiti side was headed by acting Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah who is also Foreign Minister.

Dr Mahathir also witnessed the signing of an agreement pertaining to avoidance of double taxation between the two countries. Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed signed on behalf of Malaysia.

"Since the two countries are now getting news about each other from foreign newspapers or news agencies, it is better if our news agencies (Bernama and Kuna) have contact so that we can get direct information from one another," Dr Mahathir told Malaysian journalists here. -- BERNAMA

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