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SOLICITOR-GENERAL MEETS US EMBASSY OFFICIALS

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 14 (Bernama) -- Solicitor-General Datuk Heliliah Yusof today met United States embassy officials for more than an hour at the embassy building in Jalan Tun Razak here.

Heliliah was seen at the embassy car park at 4 pm before entering the building. She later emerged from the building at 5.10 pm.

When approached by reporters as she was about to leave the embassy, Heliliah said it was a "routine meeting".

It had nothing to do with a US Congress draft resolution against the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, she said.

Heliliah also declined to say whether the meeting was in connection with a US investigation into the national oil company, Petronas' business dealings in Iran.

"We discussed many things... but nothing specific, it's only routine," she said.

Asked whether the meeting was in connection with the Petronas issue or that pertaining to the prime minister, Heliliah said: "It's other than that."

Meanwhile, US embassy security officials said up to late today there was no demonstration or protest there.

Yesterday about 100 Barisan Nasional Youth members held a peaceful demonstration in front of the embassy protesting against the US congress draft resolution and the Petronas probe.

The draft resolution, supported by 27 congressmen, demanded that Dr Mahathir apologise or resign over his allegedly anti-Jew remarks.

The draft resolution has yet to be tabled in the US congress.

A US assistant deputy secretary of state is scheduled to arrive here on Nov 18 to investigate Petronas' business deals with Iran under the US' Iran-Libya Sanctions Act.

A US embassy official, when contacted, confirmed that Heliliah had met officials there but declined to elaborate. -- BERNAMA

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