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SUMMIT: MAHATHIR EXPLAINS ASEAN'S VIEW ON MYANMAR TO THAN SHWE

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed his views and the reaction of other Asean leaders over the political situation in Myanmar to its military leader Gen Than Shwe.

He however reassured Than Shwe that Asean would stick to its stand of non-interference in the internal affairs of a member country.

As the two leaders were locked in constructive engagement over the situation in Myanmar, Than Shwe took the opportunity to brief the Prime Minister on the recent changes in Myanmar involving the government.

Briefing reporters on the Mahathir-Than Shwe talks here, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the two leaders exchanged views over the situation in Myanmar.

"Some changes will have to be done and they (the Myanmar government) have done that."

"Asean's constructive engagement policy was at work during their talks," said Abdullah.

Asked on the change from the "State Law, Order and Restoration Council" (Slorc) to the "State Peace and Development Council", Abdullah said there was no reason to be suspicious.

"As far as development was concerned, they are doing it now," he said.

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