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MALAYSIA AND YEMEN SHARE VIEW ON US-IRAQ CONFLICT

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 11 (Bernama) -- Malaysia wants the US-Iraq conflict be resolved peacefully without the use of military force and is happy to note that Yemen also shares similar view, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir expressed Malaysia's stand to Yemen President Ali Abdallah Saleh when the latter called on him at the Prime Minister's Department here today.

"The Prime Minister is glad to note that Yemen too share similar view on the matter," he said, briefing the press on the meeting pf the two leaders.

Malaysia and Yemen had also concluded today three agreements with the economic, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation signed by Abdullah and his counterpart Dr Abdulkarim Al Iryani who is also Deputy Prime Minister.

International Trade and industry Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz signed the trade agreement with Minister of Planning and Chairman of the Free Trade Zone Areas Encik Abdulkader Bajamal.

Rafidah also signed the third agreement on investment guarantee with General Investment Board chairman Ahmed Sofan.

A memorandum of understanding was also signed between Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (MIDA) Director General Datuk Zainun Aishah Ahmad and Chief Promotion Sector Mohammed Abdulkawi Hayel.

Abdullah said there was a need to foster closer ties between Malaysia and Yemen especially when playing their respective roles in international forum like the United Nations.

On trade, he said Yemen had offered to be gateway for Malaysian goods to north African countries like Somalia, Ethiopia, Djibouti and others.

Yemen on the other hand was interested in Malaysia's experience in development in particular its privatisation policy relating to telecommunication and aviation, he said. --BERNAMA

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