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MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE SET TO IMPROVE TIES

SEPANG, Nov 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Malaysia and Singapore have agreed to set aside their differences and focus on improving ties.

"I hope the two countries will be able to do that," he told a press conference at the Pan Pacific Hotel after holding talks with Singapore's Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong at the VVIP Room, Bilik Bunga Raya, of the KL International Airport.

He said both countries had agreed on resolving outstanding issues such as water supply and the customs, immigration and quarantine (ciq) facilities at Tanjung Pagar in Singapore.

Dr Mahathir said Singapore also agreed to help Malaysia overcome its financial problems.

Goh, who was also present at the press conference, said Singapore agreed to assist Malaysia in overcoming its financial problems but first it had to ascertain what was Kuala Lumpur's requirement.

He said Dr Mahathir had informed him of Malaysia's requirements.

"The details will be worked out by the officials of the two countries," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that Malaysia would need to raise funds in Singapore.

He said Singapore had promised to negotiate on how best the republic could be of help in that area.

"Singapore can be of help to Malaysia during this crisis," said Dr Mahathir.

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