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US RECOGNISES MALAYSIA'S EFFORTS AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 4 (Bernama) -- United States President Bill Clinton has recognised the excellent bilateral cooperation and coordination between the US and Malaysia over the last year in combating international narcotics.

Clinton, in the International Narcotics Control Strategy Report issued to Congress on Feb 26, noted that the Malaysian government has given high priority to the war against illegal drugs, a statement from the US embassy here today said.

The president also noted that the two countries conducted joint law enforcement and demand reduction training programmes that strengthened the effectiveness of bilateral and regional efforts to stem narcotics trafficking and abuse, said the statement.

It said the report also described the effective bilateral cooperation between US and Malaysia law enforcement agencies in 1997.

The report stated that top Malaysian leaders including Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad... "have made combating illicit drugs one of Malaysia's top priorities and that cooperation with the US on combating drug trafficking has been excellent." -- BERNAMA

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