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AMERICAN MUSLIMS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SITUATION IN MALAYSIA

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NEW YORK, Sept 28 (Bernama) -- The American Muslim Council (AMC) hopes to forge closer cooperation with its Malaysian counterpart in bringing about greater progress of Muslims in Malaysia and the United States.

A seven-member delegation of the council who met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad here Monday brought up the issue of closer cooperation and understanding between the two communities.

Dr Mahathir is here on a four-day visit to New York since Sunday where he will address the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday.

AMC president Nazir U.Khaja told Malaysian media after the meeting that they had frank and candid discussion with Dr Mahathir especially the latest situation pertaining to the Anwar Ibrahim case.

Khaja said American Muslims were concerned about the case and wanted to know the truth after reading so much about it from the western media.

He said American Muslims were concerned over the fallout between two Muslim leaders in Malaysia as it could retard progress of a Muslim country.

The meeting with Dr Mahathir, said Khaja had enabled the AMC to get first hand informations about the independence of the Malaysian judiciary and freedom for the media after so much were reported by the western media.

"We are now able to make our own conclusion. We can then play a role in helping Malaysia in disseminating balanced and correct informations to the Muslims and other society in the United States," he said.

Khaja said the AMC might also send a fact-finding team to Malaysia to obtain further informations so that American Muslims would be able to get the true picture of the situation.

He said the AMC had been reassured by Dr Mahathir that Malaysia would not falter in her progress towards development and that Malaysia would continue to ensure the independence of its judiciary.

The AMC is representing the six to seven million Muslims in the US whose voice are now being heard more and more and gradually being recognised by the authorities here.

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