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MALAYSIA NOT INVOLVED IN THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO ACHEH, SAYS PM

SEPANG, June 4 (Bernama) -- Malaysia is not involved in the supply of firearms to the Aceh Independence Movement (GAM) which is fighting for independence from the Indonesian government in Aceh, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

"We are not involved with them at all and we don't like to interfere in other peoples' domestic affairs," he told reporters upon his arrival from a seven-day visit to Japan.

Dr Mahathir disclosed this when asked to comment on the newspaper report today which quoted Indonesian Information Minister Muhammad Yunus as saying that GAM had received automatic AK-47 and M-16 rifles from Malaysia and Thailand.

Muhammad told "The Observer" that from information gathered, GAM received 800 firearms from Malaysia and Thailand for their uprising in the region.

He said, GAM, with 1,000 members, was carrying out its activities throughout Aceh, particularly in Pidei, North Aceh dan East Aceh.

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