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MALAYSIA TO RAISE ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL ISSUES AT UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

KOTA BAHARU, Sept 17 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will raise the economic and financial system issues at the annual United Nations General Assembly session which begins on Monday.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would raise these issues when he attended the UN General Assembly session at the end of this month.

"I think we will have to look at the future of the world economic and financial systems," he told reporters after opening a kampung bridge at Hutan Pasir, Ketereh, near here.

Syed Hamid said Malaysia had a clear plan of action on these issues to ensure justice at the global level.

Malaysia wished to ensure there was no oppression of the developing countries by the developed ones in various fields including in the area of the so called free trade.

"They have protection systems in the name of free trade and do not open up their market to us...we will stress more on economic issues," he said.

He said currency speculators should be eliminated as they could damage the economies of developing countries.

Syed Hamid also expressed confidence that Malaysian soldiers joining the UN East Timor multinational force will discharge their duties effectively to bring peace and order to the territory.

"Our military has enough experience in this area right from the time of the Congo days."

He said the UN offered Malaysia the post of Deputy Commander of the East Timor multinational force to be headed by Australia.

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