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OIC STRONGLY OBJECTS TO SERB ATROCITIES IN KOSOVO

KUALA TERENGGANU, April 23 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) strongly objects to Serb atrocities against the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo and supports the Nato attacks on Serb targets.

The OIC Contact group which met recently had strongly condemned the Serb crimes against the Kosovo people, he told reporters after having an audience with the Sultan of Terengganu at Istana Badariah.

Abdullah, the former Foreign Minister, said firm action and the use of military force could put a stop to the Serb atrocities.

"The important thing now is the Kosovo refugees should be allowed to return home," he said.

Asked whether Malaysia would send troops to fight alongside Nato, he said this was not possible at present in view of the huge expenditure that it would entail.

"However if they expect some nominal participation at secretariat or operation headquarters level may be this can be considered and the Foreign Ministry will take the necessary action on this if the need arises," he said.

He also said there were no plans to bring Kosovo refugees to Malaysia like in the case of the Bosnia people.

On the economic recovery efforts, Abdullah said the National Economic Action Council (NEAC) chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was doing its best to revive the economy.

"The work is going on briskly and the NEAC executive committee is meeting daily except on Wednesdays to monitor the national economic and financial situation."

Abdullah said the NEAC measures were comprehensive and covered all sectors.

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