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M'SIA-S'PORE SENIOR OFFICIALS TO MEET ON APRIL 21

KUALA LUMPUR, March 22 (Bernama) -- Senior officials of Malaysia and Singapore will resume talks on April 21 as part of efforts to resolve issues affecting both countries in a package.

Foreign Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar said the meeting would be held here as a follow-up to the first round of talks in Singapore on March 11.

"At this stage, both parties are only presenting their views on the issues. We cannot give the details of the discussion because we want the talks to go on smoothly," he told reporters after opening the general meeting of Koperasi Wisma Putra Bhd here today.

The senior officials are meeting as part of the agreement reached between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his Singapore counterpart Goh Chok Tong on Dec 17 last year to settle bilateral issues in a package.

The outstanding bilateral issues include Malaysia's customs, immigration and quarantine (CIQ) facilities at the Tanjung Pagar railway station in Singapore, Singapore's request for a new agreement on water supply, the use of Malaysian airspace by Singapore air force jets and the withdrawal of Central Provident Fund (CPF) money by west Malaysians.

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