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PAKISTAN SEEKS MALAYSIA'S SUPPORT TO END BORDER CONFLICT

KUALA LUMPUR, June 30 (Bernama) -- Pakistan today expressed the hope that Malaysia will use its influence on India to halt military action and resolve the Kashmir border dispute amicably.

Pakistan Prime Minister's Special Envoy Mian Abdul Waheed said his country believed Malaysia being a well respected nation would influence India and urge that country exercise restraint and seek a peaceful solution.

"Malaysia is a member of the United Nations Security Council and its voice and leadership are respected all over the world and we hope Malaysia can use its influence on India so that it will enter into dialogue with Pakistan to address this issue," he told a press conference at the Pakistan High Commission here.

"We want a third party intervention. There are no prospects for bilateral talks with India to end the dispute. Pakistan's repeated initiatives for a dialogue through bilateral means have not received positive signs from India," he said.

India launched an air and ground offensive in Kashmir on May 26 to dislodge what it believes are "Pakistan-backed infiltrators occupying strategic peaks in an area on its side of the Line of Control (LOC)."

India claims most of the infiltrators in the disputed border territory are Pakistani soldiers but Pakistan says they are "freedom fighters".

Mian, who arrived here two days ago, to garner world support to help end the dispute said he believed India would eventually stop all military mobilisation if the world voiced its concern over the matter.

Mian said he would hand over a letter from Prime Minister Nawas Sharif to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad before leaving for Tokyo later today.

According to him, India's lukewarm response for the holding of talks to end the dispute had resulted in the Pakistani government sending special envoys to European Union countries, Africa, Latin America and Asia to seek their support to help end the conflict.

"Pakistan wants peace and we want a dialogue to end the dispute," he said.

"The conflict has cost many Kashmiris their lives and many others had to seek refuge in Pakistan territory," he added.

Meanwhile the Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia (ABIM) said "military adventurism" must be checked by all concerned to avoid a full-blown war that could trigger a nuclear holocaust.

According to its president Ahmad Azam Abdul Rahman the problem could not be solved by urging the Kashmir infiltrators to clear out of the area without talking about the original or main problem.

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