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PUTRAJAYA, June 24 (Bernama) -- Myanmar is grateful for the continuous backing it receives from Malaysia and wishes to expand its cooperation with Kuala Lumpur.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Myanmar Foreign Minister U Win Aung told him this when the minister called on him at the Federal Administrative Centre here today.

"He thanked Malaysia for the continuous support given to Myanmar," Abdullah told reporters later.

He said Win Aung also briefed him on the outcome of Agriculture Minister Datuk Amar Sulaiman Daud's recent visit to Myanmar where agreement was reached on stepping up cooperation in agriculture.

Abdullah said the Myanmar minister also discussed cooperation in civil aviation with Malaysia's Transport Ministry.

He said Win Aung would head delegate-level discussions with the Malaysian side led by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

Meanwhile, when asked by reporters if the Cabinet yesterday discussed on the possibility of Petronas buying a major stake in Malaysia Airlines, Abdullah said "No, we did not".

On whether there was such possibility, he said: "I can't say."

The subject came up in an interview with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad published in the latest issue of the Far Eastern Economic Review.

Dr Mahathir was quoted as saying he was not aware of any such proposal but did not see anything wrong with it.

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