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M'SIA PLEDGES CONTINUING MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO BOSNIA

PUTRAJAYA, March 14 (Bernama) -- Commander of the Federation Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina Gen Rasim Delic, who called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today, said he received assurance of continuing military and economic assistance from Malaysia.

The Bosnian top brass spent 45 minutes with Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's office complex here. He was accompanied by the Chief of Defence Forces Gen Tan Sri Mohamed Zahidi Zainuddin.

Gen Rasim told reporters later he appreciated Malaysia's assistance and deployment of peacekeeping and peace enforcement missions during the 92-95 war and after the signing of the Dayton peace agreement to end the Balkan conflict.

"This assistance also continued after the war especially in the training of our personnel and officers in Malaysia for special courses," he said, describing the gesture as "greatly helping the reorganisation of Bosnian Army.

Gen Rasim said Bosnia was now in a state of peace but economic and political integration would take sometime for the war-ravaged country.

He also said implementation of the 1995 Dayton peace was not yet complete.

Gen Rasim arrived here on Saturday for a three-day visit.

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