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PROPOSED MEETING ON PALESTINE IN JEDDAH NOT JERUSALEM

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 19 (Bernama) -- The Foreign Ministry clarified today that the Malaysian-proposed special session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) to discuss the Palestinian issue should be convened in Jeddah and not in Jerusalem.

It said this in a statement to clarify the venue of the proposed meeting which was stated as Jerusalem in a joint press statement by Malaysian Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and his Indonesian counterpart Dr Alwi Shihab in Langkawi on Tuesday.

The joint statement was released after bilateral talks between the two sides with the Malaysian delegation led by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Indonesia by its president Abdurrahman Wahid.

As chairman of the 27th session of ICFM, Malaysia had suggested the need to convene the special session and the proposal was fully supported by Indonesia. No date was mentioned.

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