

G15 meeting met its objective, says Mahathir

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SUBANG, Fri: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said, the G15 summit in Jakarta met its objective and member countries are now more serious in handling problems related to developing nations.

He said the President of Venezuela, Hugo Chaves, which will be hosting the next G15 summit next year has been given the task to set-up a committee to coordinate all the decisions taken at Jakarta G15 summit.

He added that the two-day

Group of 15 Developing Nations (G15) summit in Jakarta went well despite claims that it could not be held due to the tense situation there.

"The meeting progressed well although there were some problems limited to some places. Just like here in Malaysia ... some places have demonstrations but other places are calm," he said upon arrival from his two-day visit to Jakarta after attending the G15 summit.

Mahathir said he also met

Indonesian president Abdurrahman Wahid as well as leaders of several other countries including Jamaica and Egypt.

He said he had the opportunity to meet leaders of G5, a body formed by G77 to draft suggestions which could make the G77 more effective.

During his two-day visit, Mahathir said he also met few Malaysians living there including students, who had walked for 20 hours to reach Jakarta.

"We had a dialogue session," he said.