

Malaysia invited to join Commonwealth panel

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia has been invited to join a committee set up by the Commonwealth to discuss issues related to terrorism.

The committee's inaugural meeting on Nov 19 in London will be attended by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed **Hamid Syed Albar**.

The committee will comprise 10 members, Syed **Hamid** told reporters yesterday at the **Parliament** lobby.

He said the meeting between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and US President George W. Bush three days ago went well. The two leaders, who were in Shanghai for the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation summit, exchanged views on terrorism, he said.

"There was mutual respect. Bush gave much avenue for Malaysia to air its views. There was synergy," he said.

"He also agreed that the Palestinian problem should be resolved and that he wanted to see the creation of a free Palestine," Syed **Hamid** said.

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