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Asian rights group in country

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - A delegation from the Alliance for Reform and Democracy in Asia (Arda) arrived here today to assess the conditions of the reformasi activists arrested under the Internal Security Act.

The delegation is led by Arda vice-chairman Dr Sunjaasuren Oyun, who is a member of the Mongolian Parliament and president of the Citizens' Will Party.

The delegation has requested meetings with those arrested, top government officials including Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and human rights activists.

Formed last October, Arda is an organisation of politicians, activists and academicians from 13 countries in Asia.

It was formed to support democracy and human rights on a regional basis.

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