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BAHRAIN WANTS TO EMULATE MALAYSIA

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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 30 (Bernama) -- Bahrain wants to emulate Malaysia in developing its economy well, said Foreign Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa.

"Malaysia, to us, is an excellent example of how a developing nation can successfully reach its economic goals and diversification," he told Bernama here today.

"We admired the way Malaysia has diversified its economy."

Shaikh Mohammed, who is accompanying Bahrain Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al-Khalifa on a three-day working visit to Malaysia, earlier met with 15 ambassadors and diplomats of Arab countries in Malaysia.

Shaikh Mohammed said Bahrain and Malaysia also shared common ground on a host of issues, both bilaterally and concerning Muslim countries as a whole.

"On that note, both countries give prime attention to forge closer ties and cooperation," he said.

Shaikh Mohammed said Bahrain is happy with Malaysia's stand on various Arab issues and the Middle East.

"Malaysia has always been in the forefront in supporting a peaceful settlement of the Middle East issue, Palestinian rights and Jerusalem as the capital of an independent Palestinian state," he said.

On the meeting with the ambassadors and diplomats, Shaikh Mohammed said they commended Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his leadership.

On Iraq, he said: "Bahrain, as chairman of the Gulf Cooperation Council, believes that the best efforts be made to ease the suffering of the Iraqi people".

At the same time, he said, Bahrain also wants Iraq to adhere to the United Nations resolutions.

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