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Syed Hamid-Arafat

M'SIA WANTS MAJOR POWERS TO STOP ATROCITIES IN ISRAEL

KOTA TINGGI, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- Malaysia wants the major powers to work earnestly to stop the atrocities committed by Israel on the Palestinians.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said today Malaysia regretted that until now the big powers were still practising double standards in finding lasting peace in the interest of the Palestinians who were being killed everyday by the Tel Aviv forces.

"The big powers like the United States, Britain and the European countries and others should have taken serious initiatives, otherwise the atrocities against the Palestinians will continue," he told a media conference here.

He said this when asked about Palestinian President Yasser Arafat's visit to Malaysia to meet with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Kuala Lumpur this evening.

Syed Hamid said that if such violence and atrocities had been perpetrated on another country, the big powers would have taken firm action to stop it.

"The Tel Aviv regime does not have any justification to encroach on Palestine and act as it liked there," he said.

He said Arafat was expected to brief Dr Mahathir on the latest developments in Palestine besides seeking Malaysia's continued support for its cause.

"Malaysia strongly supports the Palestinians' cause and wants the atrocities against them to stop immediately," he added.

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