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MALAYSIA URGED TO SET UP EMBASSY IN CARIBBEAN ISLANDS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 12 (Bernama) -- Malaysia was today urged to set up an embassy in the Caribbean islands.

St Lucia Prime Minister Dr Kenny David Anthony made the call when Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad called on him at his hotel suite.

"He called on us to establish an embassy for the entire Caribbean islands," Dr Mahathir told reporters after the one-hour meeting.

He said Dr Anthony and his delegation sought closer ties between Malaysia and the Caribbean region to facilitate exchanges in fields like information and training.

Dr Anthony, his wife Rose Marie and seven others, including Panning, Development, Environment and Housing Minister Dr Walter Francois, arrived here on Wednesday for a five-day visit to Malaysia.

Dr Mahathir said Dr Anthony told him that Langkawi, which the delegation had visited, was similar to St Lucia in many ways.

He said Dr Anthony felt that there were many ideas that St Lucia could borrow from Langkawi to develop the nation.

Also present at the meeting were Dr Mahathir's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Dr Anthony's wife.

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