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MALAYSIA ENTITLED TO BUY WEAPONS FROM ANY COUNTRY, SAYS PM

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 12 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will buy weapons from any country as long as it suits the country's defence requirements, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"We buy weapons from everybody...from Pakistan, Russia, America, England, France. Anybody who has anything that we want and is reasonably priced, we will buy," he told a news conference here before returning to the national capital at the end of his two-day visit to Sabah.

He was asked to comment on a report that Malaysia has agreed to acquire defence systems worth RM80 million from Pakistan as announced by Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Najib made the announcement while visiting the five-day Aero India 2001 airshow in Bangalore, India, which ended yesterday.

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