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MALAYSIAN DIPLOMATS MUST UNDERSTAND COUNTRY'S STAND. SAYS ABDULLAH

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 30 (Bernama) -- Malaysian diplomats must understand the country's policy on terrorism and explain the stand to their host governments, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

"All Malaysian diplomats must understand our policy and explain to the host government what our stand is," the deputy prime minister told reporters after opening the 9th International Council of Shopping Centres (ICSC) Asia Pacific Convention and Trade Exposition, here.

(Malaysia has condemned the Sept 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington but disagreed with the United States-led military strikes on Afghanistan to flush out Osama bin Laden -- the prime suspect for the attacks -- because they would only kill innocent civilians.)

Abdullah said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad had recently proposed that the United Nations (UN) organise an international conference on global terrorism not only to tackle the problem at its root but also to clearly define terrorists activities.

The ICSC Asia Pacific annual convention which started yesterday is sponsored by IGB Corporation Berhad, Lend Lease Asia, Berjaya Times Square, FootFall, Sunway Pyramid, Suria KLCC, Rehda and Malaysia Airlines.

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