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Abdullah-Militants
MALAYSIA WILL FIGHT TERRORIST GROUP REGARDLESS OR RELIGION, RACE

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    SINGAPORE, Nov 10 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri
Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the Malaysian government would remain firm in
fighting terrorism and would act against militant groups without
discrimination.
    "We will act against any militant group irrespective of religion and
race," he told Malaysian reporters after leading the contingent from the
Ministry of Home Affairs for the friendly games with the Singapore Home
Ministry, here today.
    Abdullah, who is also Home Minister, had also called on Singapore Prime
Minister Goh Chok Tong.
    "Prime Minister Goh wants to know the latest developments in Malaysia
especially the activitives of KMM and the announcement by the Prime
Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad) that Malaysia is an Islamic
state.
    "I told him what it is all about, he said he understood and believes
that Malaysia under the leadership of Dr Mahathir and Barisan Nasional
would be moderate."
    Goh had joined Abdullah and Singapore Home Affairs Minister Wong Kan
Seng for a round of golf at the Tanah Merah Country Club this morning.
    Abdullah also called on Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong
who gave him a brief on the economic situation of the island-state which is
in a recession.
    Lee said Singapore's economy was very much dependent on the economic
situation of neighbouring countries although it had strong trade links with
the United States, Abdullah added.
    On the friendly games between the home ministries of the two countries,
Abdullah said they could foster closer relations between the officers and
the agencies of the two neighbouring countries.
    Much cooperation could be forged between the police, immigration and
anti-nartotic agencies of the two countries, he added.
    Also in the Malaysian team were Home Ministry Secretary-General Datuk
Seri Aseh Che Mat, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai and
senior ministry officials.
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