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M'SIA AND INDONESIA AGREE G15 SHOULD HAVE MONITORING MECHANISM

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JAKARTA, May 30 (Bernama) -- Malaysia and Indonesia have agreed that a mechanism was necessary to monitor all agreements that are reached at the Group of 15 (G-15) Summits.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said the mechanism can be used by member countries to conduct meetings and ensure the G-15 assumed a more important and effective role.

Speaking to Malaysian journalists, after accompanying Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who held talks with Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid here today, he said both leaders exchanged opinions on the need for developing countries to strengthen ties.

The meeting between Dr Mahathir and Abdurrahman lasted for half-an-hour at the President's hotel room. All leaders who are attending the G-15 Summit here are staying at the Jakarta Hilton Hotel.

Syed Hamid said Dr Mahathir also expressed satisfaction at the smooth progress of the G-15 meetings.

He said Dr Mahathir and Abdurrahman also discussed various issues of mutual interest including palm oil exports and additional landing rights for Malaysia Airlines in Indonesia.

Syed Hamid described the meeting as very fruitful and said that both leaders were of the view that the G-15 was a constructive and successful set-up.

"They also discussed many issues which will enhance two-way ties between Malaysia dan Indonesia and how both countries can assume a meaningful role in the interest of G-15," he added.

Both leaders last met in December at the Asean Summit in Singapore.

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