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M'SIA PURSUING REMOVAL OF SANCTIONS ON IRAQ, SAYS DPM

PUTRAJAYA, Feb 6 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will continue to seek ways to help bring about the removal of protracted United Nations economic sanctions on Iraq.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Amad Badawi gave this assurance to visiting Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Said Al-Sahah who called on him at his office here today.

A Wisma Putra spokesman for West Asian and Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) affairs, who also attended the meeting, briefed reporters later that Abdullah expressed Malaysia's dismay over the indefinite UN sanctions on Iraq.

Abdullah told Mohammed Said that Malaysia was against the sanctions which were to the detriment of the long-suffering Iraqis, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said that during their 45-minute discussion, Abdulah and Mohammed Said also dwelled on Malaysia-Iraqi bilateral ties.

Mohammed Said briefed Abdullah on the latest situation relating to the impact of the sanctions on Iraqis and suggested ways that Malaysia could alleviate their sufferings.

The Iraqi ambassador here Adnan M. Al-Ghazali was also present.

Mohammed Said, who is on a three-day visit from yesterday, is scheduled to call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow.

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