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Mahathir-Misuari

M'SIA WILL CONSIDER ALLOWING MISUARI'S FAMILY TO VISIT HIM, SAYS PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 24 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will consider allowing the family of Nur Misuari to visit the Bangsamoro leader here, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"We will consider," he said when asked whether the Malaysian government would allow Misuari's family to visit him.

He was speaking to reporters after opening PNB's gallery, the Galeri Tun Ismail Mohamed Ali, here.

Misuari's lawyer, Elly Pamatong, was yesterday quoted as saying that the family of Misuari has expressed concern over his safety when Malaysian authorities denied any access including visits by his two wives and children.

Misuari, who is facing rebellion charges back home, was detained for illegal entry on Nov 24 when he fled to Malaysia after his supporters staged a failed revolt in the southern Philippines.

When asked regarding the deadline for Misuari's deportation to Manila, Dr Mahathir said it was still being worked out by both the governments.

"We hope that the Philippine government will accept him very soon because we cannot keep him under detention forever," he said.

To another question as to whether Misuari would be granted temporary asylum, Dr Mahathir said: "We cannot entertain asylum seekers."

"We have given an undertaking that people who carry out terror attacks in their own country and taking ordinary people as hostages cannot be given asylum," he said.

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