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PM URGED TO GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM TO MYANMAR LEADERSHIP

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 2 (Bernama) -- The DAP has urged Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to give constructive criticism to the leaders of Myanmar during his two-day visit to that country beginning tomorrow.

DAP international affairs secretary Teresa Kok said today the visit should be aimed at bringing about political reform in Myanmar which joined Asean in 1997.

She hoped that the prime minister's visit would not only focus on economic issues but would also give priority to bringing about political changes in Myanmar.

Kok, who is the Member of Parliament for Seputeh, said in a statement, here, that the situation in Myanmar had not improved since its entry into Asean with the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) accused of various misdeeds.

A recent Wisma Putra statement said Dr Mahathir was expected to meet with SPDC chairman and Myanmar Prime Minister Senior General Than Shwe during his visit.

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