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Russia supports conference on terrorism

RUSSIA agrees with Malaysia's suggestion for an international conference on global terrorism, said Foreign Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

"They agreed that the idea which was mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was good," he said after attending the Apec Ministerial meeting here yesterday.

"The conference is not to divert attention from the current problem and efforts against terrorism, but to discuss long term solutions to terrorism."

Syed Hamid described his discussions with representatives of three countries as very productive.

"The ministerial meeting's focus on terrorism has come out beautifully and has not derailed the purpose of the meeting."

Earlier he held bilateral talks with his counterparts, New Zealand Foreign Minister Phil Goff, Russian Foreign Minister Igor S. Ivanov and Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer.

Syed Hamid will hold bilateral talks with representatives of China, South Korea and Thailand today.

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