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SEVERAL WESTERN NATIONS REQUEST FOR SECURITY BEEF UP AT THEIR MISSIONS

LANGKAWI, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today that several Western countries have submitted requests to the Malaysian authorities for security to be beefed up at their respective missions in the country.

"The US, Britain and several other countries concerned over security of their missions in the country have done so in the wake of strikes by the US and Britain on several targets in Afghanistan," he told reporters after the launching of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace exhibition 2001 (Lima 2001) by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad here.

Abdullah, who is Home Minister, said that Malaysia had never turned down any request by parties seeking cooperation in terms of security at the various foreign missions.

He was asked by reporters whether there had been countries requesting for beef up in security at their respective missions following the US strikes on various targets in Afghanistan first launched on Sunday.

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