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Syed Hamid: We will not initiate action

PUTRAJAYA, Thurs. - Malaysia will not initiate a United Nations resolution to take the United States to the International Court of Justice as it is not involved in the war in Afghanistan.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said today that it was not for Malaysia to act on behalf of other nations.

"There is no necessity to follow up on this issue. In this case, we are not the country involved and we'll leave it at that. It's also not for us to decide on behalf of other countries."

Syed Hamid was speaking after witnessing the signing of agreements between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the Prime Minister of Bahrain Shaikh Khalifa Salman Al-Khalifa here.

He was replying to reporters who wanted to know if the Foreign Ministry would act on a suggestion that Malaysia refer the US to the ICJ over the attack on Afghanistan which had resulted in the death of innocent people.

The suggestion was made by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim, who said he wanted to "stir political awareness".

The idea was raised in the Cabinet meeting yesterday but no decision was made.

Syed Hamid also reiterated that Malaysia was not a terrorist haven.

Shaikh Khalifa also paid a courtesy call on the acting Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin in Kuala Lumpur.

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