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S'PORE SHARES PM'S CONCERN OVER WATER ISSUE

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- Singapore shares Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's concern that the water talks should not drag on for too long.

"That is why Singapore has suggested at the Sept 2-3 package talks that officials from both sides can meet to discuss the issue of price revisions under the existing agreements as part of the package," a Singapore Foreign Ministry spokesman said in a statement today.

He was responding to Dr Mahathir's comments on the water issue as reported in the New Straits Times today.

The English daily quoted Dr Mahathir as saying that there should be a time frame in resolving the dispute over the price of water supplied to Singapore as the impasse should not be allowed to drag on.

The Prime Minister, however, did not specify the time frame within which Malaysia wanted the issue to be resolved, the newspaper reported.

The spokesman said Singapore's position had always been that it was prepared to discuss price revision within the package.

"We are glad to note that Prime Minister Dr Mahathir has said that he does not have much objection to linking the issue of price review within the package and that it did not matter if it was linked or not," he said.

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