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BORDER PROBLEMS DISCUSSED IN DR MAHATHIR'S MEETING MAHATHIR WITH SULTAN
BRUNEI

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- Border problems were among the issues discussed at a meeting between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the Sultan of Brunei, Sultan Hassanah Bolkiah.

But Dr Mahathir said the problems did not jeopardise ties between the two countries.

Sultan Brunei had also given his commitment to resolve the problems under bilateral cooperation framework, he told a news conference in conjunction with his two-day working visit here.

On illegal immigrants in Sabah, Dr Mahathir said the government was aware that some of them had been staying in the state for more than 30 years "with children born and educated in Sabah".

Exemption were given to such immigrants but for the others the government had decided to deport them, he said.

Meanwhile during a dialogue session with Malaysian community in Brunei earlier, Dr Mahathir said the introduction of a smart card was to expedite the immigration process at the Brunei-Malaysia border.

He said the matter was still be discussed with the Brunei government.

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