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KL may set up embassy in Ukraine next year

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Malaysia may set up an embassy in Ukraine by next year, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said today.

"At present, our ambassador in Poland is also overseeing Ukraine. We are trying to arrange for an embassy there next year," he said after paying a courtesy call on Ukraine First Vice-Prime Minister Oleg Dubyna at the Sheraton Imperial.

Dubyna's visit would help strengthen bilateral ties, he said.

He added that their discussions included cooperation in science and technology, education and defence.

Dubyna earlier met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Defence Minister Datuk Shafie Apdal. He later opened Ukraine's embassy here.