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Kashmir issue won't be on PM's agenda

TAIPING, Sun. - The Kashmir issue will not be discussed during Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's working visit to India next month.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said Malaysia had no intention of being a mediator in the matter.

This was because Malaysia believed that India and Pakistan could solve the problem themselves.

"Both are large countries capable of solving their problems," he told reporters after launching the Bukit Gantang Barisan Nasional election machinery in Changkat Jering, near here today.

Dr Mahathir will meet Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and address the Asean-India Business Summit in New Delhi during the two-day visit from Oct 17.

He is also expected to visit the information technology hub in Hyderabad.