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MORE PLACES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO BOSNIAN STUDENTS, SAYS BOSNIAN ULAMA

KUALA LUMPUR, May 9 (Bernama) -- Bosnia-Herzegovina still needs a lot of help from Malaysia in various fields to help develop the country since its political situation has stabilised, said Bosnia-Herzegovina head of ulama Dr Mustafa Ceric today.

He said one of the areas that needed greater help would be in the field of education.

"More places should be given to Bosnian students in the local universities especially at the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) so that the knowledge they gained in the country could later be used to help develop Bosnia," he told reporters after meeting IIUM's President Tan Sri Sanusi Junid and Rector Prof Dr Mohd Kamal Hassan at the university's campus here.

The Bosnian Mufti, who was accompanied by the Bosnian Ambassador here, Hajrudin Somun, also met Bosnian students studying at the university.

Eighty Bosnian students are currently studying in various courses at the university while 99 had graduated since 1996.

Dr Mustafa said Malaysia through its ambassador in Bosnia, Zakaria Sulong had provided a lot of help to the country, especially in rebuilding mosques and houses all over the country.

Malaysian businessmen had also set up business partnership with their Bosnian counterparts, he said.

He thanked the Malaysian government especially Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who had shown great interest in helping Bosnia.

"Malaysians can be proud of what they have done to Bosnia," he said.

Dr Mustafa also said he was glad to see government (Umno) and the opposition (PAS) were united on the question of Palestinian.

Other Muslim nations should emulate the good example reached between the government and the opposition in Malaysia, he said, commenting on the declaration, signed by Umno and PAS, urging the international community to seek a political situation to the Palestinian conflict.

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