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Mahathir-Taufik

M'SIA CANNOT INTERFERE IN DUE PROCESS OF LAW IN OTHER COUNTRIES

PUTRAJAYA, May 8 (Bernama) -- Malaysia cannot interfere in the due process of law in other countries even when it involved Malaysian lawbreakers, said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

He said that like Malaysia, other countries too did not like others to interfere in the enforcement of their laws.

"We cannot disturb others...if we pass a death sentence to a foreigner, we don't like others to urged their government to tell us not to pass a death sentence and so on," he said when asked to comment on the death sentence imposed by the Central Java court in Indonesia yesterday against a Malaysian, Taufik Abdul Halim@ Dany.

The court found Taufik guilty of taking part in the bombing of the Atrium mall in crowded Senen business areas in Jakarta on Aug 1 last year.

Earlier, Mahathir entertained Lebanon's Prime Minister Rafic Hariri to a luncheon at his official residence, Seri Perdana here.

Dr Mahathir said that Taufik like anyone else would be subjected to the law of the country where he committed the crime.

"He is governed by their law, just like the Indonesians who are here...if they commit murder, normally they will also get the death sentence," said the Prime Minister.

As such, Dr Mahathir advised Malaysians to avoid being involved in unlawful activities in other countries.

"So, when it involves one of our citizens, we have to accept it. That is why we must be careful...not to break the law of other countries," he said.

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