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MAHATHIR'S VISIT TO US TO ENHANCE COOPERATION IN WAR AGAINST TERRORISM

KUALA LUMPUR, May 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's visit the United States from May 13 to 15 will further enhance cooperation between Kuala Lumpur and Washington in the fight against terrorism, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today.

He said although Malaysia used a different approach to fight terrorism, its efforts were now accepted by the US.

"They (US) know that Malaysia, as an Islamic nation, has its own way of fighting terrorism but it doesn't matter to them as long as the goal is the same

-- to eradicate any threat of terrorism or militancy in our country and to cooperate at the regional and global levels," he said.

He told reporters this after receiving Philippine Secretary of Defence Angelo T. Reyes at his office here.

Najib believed that the prime minister's visit would also further strengthen political ties between the two countries.

"The atmosphere in Washington is very positive to receive the arrival of the prime minister, the highlight of our efforts to improve political ties with the US," he said.

Najib will be part of Dr Mahathir's delegation to the US.

On Reyes's visit, he said they discussed Manila's efforts to fight the Abu Sayaf terrorist group in the southern Philippines.

He said the two sides also agreed in principle to exchange intelligence reports in the fight against terrorism.

The move would be implemented as soon as possible to facilitate the sharing of information by the two countries, he added.

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