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NAJIB CONVEYS MALAYSIA'S STAND ON IRAQ TO JAPAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 30 (Bernama) -- Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today conveyed to Japan Malaysia's stand on terrorism and its position not to support unjustified military action against Iraq.

In his meeting with Junichiro Koizumi in Tokyo, Najib told the Japanese Prime Minister that there was no justifiable reason for military action against Iraq.

"Such an action would only lead to greater instability in the world. At this juncture, priority should be given to the Palestinian problem," he told Bernama when contacted in the Japanese capital.

He is on a two-day working visit to Japan at the invitation of the Nippon Foundation and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation.

Najib said that military action against Iraq would likely spark anger and result in more people being recruited as terrorists.

Malaysia has always emphasised the need to find and address the root causes of terrorism to combat acts of terror.

According to Najib, during his 25-minute meeting with Koizumi, he also conveyed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's commendation to the Japanese leader for his recent initiative to meet North Korean leaders.

Najib said that Koizumi had mentioned about his discussion with Dr Mahathir in Copenhagen during the Asia-Europe Meeting (Asem) last week where they had talked about how to increase the level of technical skills training for Malaysians and the proposed setting up of the Technical University in Malaysia.

In Japan, Najib is scheduled to address Japanese academics and company executives at the Japan Correspondents Club and meet members of the Malaysia-Japan Parliamentary Group.

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