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OIC MINISTERS SUPPORT PALESTINIAN CAUSE, SAYS SYED HAMID

KUALA LUMPUR, April 2 (Bernama) -- Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said today the Special Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on Terrorism has never defined the Palestinian struggle as a terrorist struggle.

"We have said that we are in support of the Palestinian struggle for self-determination to establish an independent state of Palestine," he told a news conference at the end of day two of the three-day meeting, here.

Syed Hamid said any remark to the effect that the ministers had defined or concluded that the Palestinian struggle was akin to a terrorist struggle was erroneous.

He was commenting on reports carried by the wire services on the draft of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration which is expected to be adopted tomorrow.

"As far as we are concerned, it is not the official document. Whatever document that you have got is not official until it is adopted by the conference tomorrow," he said.

Syed Hamid also reiterated that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's speech at the opening of the meeting yesterday should be taken in its entirety.

"Dr Mahathir's definition regarding acts of terror is still applicable but you cannot take his speech only on one sentence or one phrase. You have to take the speech as a whole," he said.

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