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PARLIAMENT: DECISION ON THE PURCHASE OF SUBMARINES TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

KUALA LUMPUR, April 2 (Bernama) -- The Defence Ministry will announce soon the decision on the purchase of submarines, the Dewan Rakyat here was told today.

Deputy Defence Minister Datuk Mohd Safie Apdal said Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak would make the announcement.

"The submarines to be acquired would be as good as others and can help to beef up our defence system," he said when winding up the debate during the committee stage on the Supplementary Supply (2001 and 2002) Bill 2002.

On the decision to purchase tanks from Poland, Mohd Shafie said it was made after a lengthy study on tanks produced by several countries.

During the debate, Mohamad Sabu (PAS-Kuala Kedah) wanted to know whether Malaysia had decided to buy the tanks after it received praises from Poland during the recent visit of the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Dewan Rakyat will sit again tomorrow.

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