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CHINA'S HU TO DISCUSS PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT WITH BUSH

KUALA LUMPUR, April 24 (Bernama) -- Visiting Chinese Vice-President Hu Jintao, who is bound for United States after visiting Singapore on Friday, will be discussing the Palestinian-Israeli escalating conflict with President George W. Bush and state China's position on the matter, said Chinese Foreign Ministry's spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue.

The questions on the Middle East and Palestinian were discussed as in Hu's meeting with Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad as the latter had just returned from a long visit to Morocco, Libya and Bahrain," she said when briefing the media at Seri Kembangan here on the talks between Hu and Dr Mahathir.

Zhang said Dr Mahathir had stated Kuala Lumpur's position on the Palestinian issue as the country was against the massive violation of the human rights especially with regard to the Palestinians.

As for China's stance on the issue, she said Hu had explained that China had called for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the occupied territories in accordance with the United Nations Security Council resolution without any delay.

"We call on the Israeli government to put an end to the conflict. We feel that (President Yasser) Arafat's deprivation of freedom should be put to an end as well," she said.

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