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MALAYSIA PROUD TO HOLD MEETING ON TERRORISM

KUALA LUMPUR, April 1 (Bernama) -- The country's capability in hosting the three-day special Meeting of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers on Terrorism beginning today should be a source of pride for all Malaysians, the Dewan Rakyat was told today.

Datuk Mohamad Aziz (BN-Sri Gading) said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was one Muslim leader who was bold enough to speak his mind on the actual acts of terrorism happening in the world.

Mohamad said the continuous attacks and Israeli aggression towards Palestine leaving its leader Yasser Arafat trapped in Ramallah was excessive.

"The OIC foreign ministers discussing terrorism should adopt a firm stand to check Israeli continuous aggression that was threatening the life of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat," he said.

Meanwhile Datuk Ruhanie Ahmad (BN-Parit Sulong) said Malaysia should adopt a firm stand while leaders of Muslim nations should be unanimous in addressing and championing the cause of the Palestinians.

Ruhanie also suggested Malaysia lead an action to enable Palestine to receive international assistance to protect itself from brutality, aggression and violence and to pressure United States to be more reasonable towards events in Palestine.

Dr Tan Seng Giaw (DAP-Kepong) said the opposition would want the government to play a more active role in achieving peace and ending aggression in Palestine.

Meanwhile Chang See Ten (BN-Gelang Patah) during the debate on the Supplementary Supply Bill expressed concern that the Customs department had purchased at least five units image sensing machine using Gamma rays that could be hazardous.

Chang said the department should have sought advice or approval from the Malaysian Institute of Nuclear Technology before allowing the use of the US-made VASIC II equipment.

He also wanted to know the measures taken by the Customs department to safeguard the health of its staff and members of the public using the equipment.

He said massive amounts of Gamma radiation would endanger the health of the people.

The House will sit again tomorrow.

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