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Mahathir-US (With Pix)

US CONGRESS STAFFERS MEET DR MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 8 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today received 12 US congressional staffers at his office here today, and according to Kathleen Lydon, the chief secretary to US Congresswoman Judy Biggert, the group had a productive meeting with Dr Mahathir.

"We discussed economic issues and appreciate the concern shown by the prime minister on the US economy which is closely linked with the Malaysian economy," she told reporters after the hour-long meeting.

She said Dr Mahathir stressed the importance of a rebound in the US economy as this would also aid Malaysia economically.

"We also talked about terrorism and conveyed to him our appreciation of Malaysia's stand on the issue and policy to overcome the problem," she said.

Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) chairman and chief executive officer Tan Sri Dr Noordin Sopiee and ISIS Director-General Datuk Mohamed Jauhar Hassan also attended the meeting.

The US congressional staffers, who arrived here Sunday for a week tour of the country, met the Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar yesterday.

They are also expected to visit various organisations, meet local think tanks and tour Langkawi before returning home.

While the US is the country's biggest trading partner, Malaysia ranked 11th on the US list of trading partners.

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