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2nd round of talks with Singapore in early September

THE second round of talks to discuss the outstanding issues between Malaysia and Singapore in a single package will be held on Sept 2 and 3 in Singapore, said Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

He spoke at the end of the Post Ministerial Conference between Asean and its dialogue partners yesterday.

The two sides met in early July for the first round of talks at Putrajaya.

The meeting discussed the issues in a single package, consistent with the understanding reached between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his Singapore counterpart Goh Chok Tong on the sidelines of the Asean Summit in Hanoi in December 1998.

The issues are the supply of water to Singapore, status of Malayan Railway land in the republic, the location for the stationing of Malaysian Customs, Immigration and Quarantine officers, withdrawals from the Central Provident Fund by Malaysians from the peninsular and the use of air space over Johor by Singapore Air Force fighter jets.