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BRITAIN APPRECIATES MALAYSIA'S EFFORTS TO CRACKDOWN ON TERRORISM, SAYS
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SEPANG, Jan 10 (Bernama) -- British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Jack Straw said today Britain appreciates Malaysian government's efforts to crackdown on terrorism in the country.

"We appreciated the cooperation and action shown in Malaysia," he said at a brief press conference here, tonight before returning to London after a day visit to Malaysia, the final leg of his four-day tour of Southeast Asia. He had also visited Singapore and Indonesia.

On his meetings with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, Straw said there was a feeling of double standard by the West, especially in resolving conflicts in the West Asia and on other international issues.

"We recognise this and even we don't accept that," he said especially on the conflict between Palestine and Israel.

Straw said they also discussed about in Iraq, West Asia and and Burma.

On Iraq, he said British government's position was for the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441 to be implemented to disarm weapon of mass destruction.

Straw said Britain agreed that active diplomacy should be adopted to persuade Iraq to comply with the Resolution 1441.

"On the concern in West Asia, the British government is committed to the peace process and would call a meeting between the Palestine and Israel next Tuesday," he said.

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