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MALAYSIA READY TO FACE ANY KIND OF COUNTER ACTION

KLANG, Oct 23 (Bernama) -- Malaysia is ready to face any kind of counter action from Jewish lobby groups following the speech by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Jews at the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) recently.

"We will be ready," Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Dr Shafie Salleh said when asked to comment on a report that a leading US-based Jewish lobby group has called on investors and tourists to boycott Malaysia.

Shafie was approached by reporters after the ground breaking ceremony of the Telok Panglima Garang Police Station near here today.

The group, Simon Wiesenthal Centre, was reported to have launched a scathing counter attack on Dr Mahathir following his speech where he accused the Jews of ruling the world by proxy.

The centre called on the investors and tourists not to visit Malaysia until it became clear that the leaders who will follow him after he retires at the end of this month do not share his views.

The influential Simon Wiesenthal Centre has 400,000 members.

Shafie said that the matter would be discussed intensively at the National Economic Action Council (NEAC).

He said that relationships between government and government and businessmen are at two different levels.

"For example, if government and government fights, for the businessmen, where there are profits to be made, they would come," he said. -- BERNAMA

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