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SAMY DELIVERS LETTER FROM DR MAHATHIR TO INDIA'S PM

KUALA LUMPUR, May 14 (Bernama) -- Works Minister Datuk Seri S Samy Vellu delivered a letter from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee during his visit to India on Monday.

"I delivered a letter from our Prime Minister to Vajpayee and discussed India's cancellation of the additional landing rights for Malaysia Airlines," he told reporters after launching a CD of Tamil songs here last night.

The Works Minister said that additional landing rights for Malaysia Airlines to fly to India were cancelled following the recent Brickfields police action against Indian IT professionals.

Samy Vellu also said contracts secured by Malaysian businessmen had also been put on hold following the incident in March when police raided the apartments in Brickfields where the Indian IT expatriates were staying to check on their travel documents.

Samy Vellu also met Indian Foreign Minister Yashwant Sinha, who not only explained the reasons why the landing rights were cancelled but also raised several issues.

"He in fact raised seven issues pertaining to the cancellation of landing rights and I will convey this to the Prime Minister via a report."

"The issues will be raised at the cabinet level soon," he added.

On the response to his visit, Samy Vellu said it was cordial and India was keen to continue with the good ties existing between the countries.

Samy Vellu's visit, is the first by a senior Malaysian cabinet minister to India since the March incident.

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