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TIMOR LESTE HOPES FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM M'SIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- Timor Leste has expressed hope that Malaysia will continue to assist the country in its development efforts, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said today.

He told reporters that this was conveyed by President Xanana Gusmao in his meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi here.

He said that Gusmao, who is on a private visit to Malaysia, had taken the opportunity to call on Abdullah to discuss bilateral issues and matters of common interest including Asean.

Gusmao also expressed his appreciation to Malaysia for extending support to Timor Leste and hoped for continued and enhanced collaboration.

Syed Hamid said that Malaysia was very happy with its relationship with Timor Leste and would help in any way it could to provide assistance for its capacity-building initiative.

He also expects some memorandums to be signed during Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's three-day visit to Timor Leste, from Oct 22.

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