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ABDULLAH'S INTERACTION WITH PRESS RECEIVES GOOD DISPLAY IN INDIAN MEDIA

NEW DELHI, July 23 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's recent interaction with pressmen and academics from around the world received a five-column display featured with his picture in the Indian media.

His statement that he wanted to "showcase Malaysia as a country which practices an Islam that is moderate, that does not confront any group of people of other religions" would have wide appeal among the Indian masses.

On Malaysia's relationship with the United States, what he said, as per details carried in the English daily, the Hindu, conformed broadly with the policy being pursued by India, particularly in regard to Iraq.

Abdullah's statement regarding developing countries deserving a much better deal too would have a good appeal in this country, as it would have anywhere else in the developing world.

The prime minister was realistic, when he said "At the same time, we must do something on our own. We cannot merely be demanding all sorts of things and making all sorts of statements."

It was perhaps the first time that Abdullah received such a wide display in Indian papers since he took over as Prime Minister from Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Oct 31, last year.

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