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FOREIGN COUNTRIES ATTRACTED BY ABDULLAH'S APPROACH, SAYS SYED HAMID

PENANG, Jan 10 (Bernama) -- The approach used by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi which is people friendly, open, against corrupt practices and stresses on human values has impressed the foreign governments.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said the approach used by the Prime Minister had received positive reaction from abroad although he had only taken over the leadership in October.

"That's the view of the international community and the reaction from abroad has been positive," he told reporters after meeting leaders of the Jelutong Umno division, here today.

He said that foreign governments were also impressed with the continuity of leadership after the retirement of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad as Prime Minister, which had ensured national stability.

He said the continuity of leadership had given confidence to foreign investors to maintain their investment in this country.

On the one-day visit to Singapore by the Prime Minister on Monday, he said although the visit did not have any particular agenda, it did not mean that the prime ministers of both countries would not hold bilateral discussions to improve relations between the two neighbouring countries.

He said the discussion would be crucial as Malaysia and Singapore maintained close relations in various aspects including tourism, economy, and investment and that there were many Malaysians working in that country.

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