

KL inks UN convention against nuke terror

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NEW YORK: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi signed the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (ICSANT) at the United Nations on Friday.

He also ratified the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC).

The ICSANT is the 13th UN legal instrument on terrorism and the first to be concluded since the Sept 11, 2001 terror attacks.

It was adopted by consensus and open for signatures from Sept 14 to Dec 31. It takes effect 30 days after it is signed and ratified by 22 UN member states.

Wisma Putra said in a statement that the convention calls on states to develop appropriate legal frameworks criminalising nuclear terrorism-related offences, investigate alleged offences, and arrest, prosecute and extradite offenders.

It also calls for international cooperation through information-sharing, extradition and the transfer of detainees to assist with foreign investigations and prosecutions.

The FCTC is the first legal instrument designed to reduce tobacco-related deaths and diseases around the world.

Among others, the treaty requires countries to impose restrictions on tobacco advertising, sponsorship and promotion and strengthen legislation to clamp down on tobacco smuggling.



Q&A: Abdullah and Lebanese Prime Minister Saed Hariri answering questions at a doorstop interview with a Lebanese journalist after their bilateral meeting in New York on Friday. — Bernamapic