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# Abdullah to push for Mideast peace

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will be in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, tomorrow to discuss the Middle East peace process with Arab League leaders.

The main agenda is the revival of the Arab proposal to offer recognition of Israel in exchange for the Jewish state's withdrawal from the Palestinian territories, occupied since the Arab-Israeli War of 1967, and to settle the refugee question.

The prime minister, in his capacity as the Or-

ganisation of the Islamic Conference chairman, will deliberate the issue as part of the Arab Peace Initiative agreed upon on March 28, 2002 at the Beirut Summit of the Arab League.

The 2002 initiative also called on Israel to agree to a negotiated settlement for Palestinian refugees, although Israel has objected to "the right of return" of millions of displaced Palestinians.

According to Wisma Putra, Abdullah will also discuss developments in Iraq, Lebanon and

Iran's nuclear programme with his Arab counterparts at the two-day 19th Arab League Summit, which ends on Thursday.

He is also expected to hold a series of subsidiary meetings with Middle Eastern leaders on the region's political and security issues.

The prime minister, who received an invitation to attend the summit from Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah Abdulaziz Al-Saud, will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.