

# Bangkok: Feedback from KL helpful

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## Nitya: Talks with M'sia useful in tackling unrest in the south

**PUTRAJAYA:** Thailand feels that it can cope with incidences of unrest and violence in its southern region, more so with Malaysia's help and co-operation.

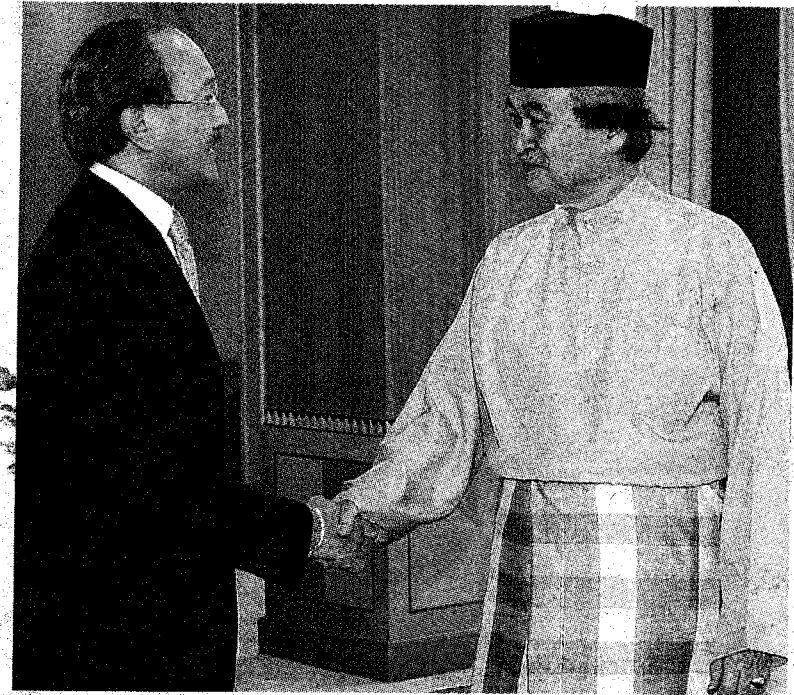
Thai Foreign Minister Nitya Pibulsonggram, who acknowledged that his government was still facing some level of "dissatisfaction and difficulties" in the south, said the discussions with Malaysian leaders were useful in tackling the issues.

"We can cope, we can definitely cope (with the unrest in southern

Thailand). My Government is delighted and grateful with some of the discussions that we have had here in Kuala Lumpur.

"Our main concentration will definitely be to address some of the deficiency and perhaps to strengthen some of the efforts being put in place in order to develop, to understand better, to prepare them (people of southern Thailand) and to give them further opportunities," he said.

The Thai Foreign Minister was speaking to reporters after calling on



**Welcome:** Abdullah receiving Nitya at his office in Putrajaya yesterday.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi at his office at the Internal Security Ministry yesterday.

Nitya, here on a three-day visit, held a 90-minute discussion with the Prime Minister, particularly on the violence in Thailand's southern region. On Thursday, he and his delegation met his Malaysian counterpart Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

Nitya described his meeting with Abdullah as "fruitful" where the Prime Minister had "given a lot of wonderful advice for future modes

of co-operation."

"There are some co-operative arrangements that are being discussed with Malaysia that will be helpful to us in terms of education, cultural and sports aspects."

Nitya said that a joint committee meeting between Malaysia and Thailand would be held soon.

"We will carry forward the discussions that we had here to the joint committee meeting. There are a lot of things that we have to look at," he added.

