

**Malaysia invited to join US-led security initiative**  
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BALI: Malaysia has been invited to join the United States-led Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI).

[Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak](#) said US [President Barack Obama](#) had asked him to endorse the PSI, which has the support of almost 100 countries.

He added that Malaysia would study the implications of becoming a member of the PSI.

"I told President Obama that even though we have yet to join, or will not join the PSI, Malaysia will not allow itself to be made a transit point in the trade of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), including parts to make nuclear weapons," he told the Malaysian media here.

The PSI is a global effort that aims to stop the trafficking of WMDs and to intercept and disrupt the illicit export of WMDs and their components.

Najib said Malaysia could take action through the Strategic Trade Act by stopping ships and aircraft transporting materials that could be used for making WMDs and actions which contravened the United Nations convention on weapons.

On the Asean-China Summit, Najib said Chinese [Prime Minister Wen Jiabao](#) was keen to open China's financial markets to Asean companies as well as set up an Asean and China inter-bank association.

Najib said China was now Asean's largest trading partner, and trade between the region and China last year grew by 29.7% to US\$231.2bil (RM731bil)

He also attended the Asean-Japan, Asean-South Korea and Asean + 3 summits yesterday.

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