

Muslim Nations To Hold Emergency Meeting On Somalia Famine
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ISTANBUL, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Representatives of the 57-member Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) including Malaysia will hold an emergency meeting here on Wednesday to discuss on how to combat famine in Somalia.

In Somalia, some 3.2 million people are estimated to be on the brink of starvation.

The emergency meeting of the OIC executive committee at foreign ministers level was attended by Somali President Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, according to China's Xinhua news agency.

OIC Secretary General Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu said the meeting will discuss about boosting assistance to drought-stricken Somalia and the wider Horn of Africa region.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan will make the opening remarks of the meeting which will discuss the recent situation in Somalia, the reasons of hunger crisis and what can be done for Somali people.

OIC will also call for help from international community to increase their assistance.

A declaration is expected to be released at the end of the meeting.

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