

**Malaysia-Australia FTA On Track Despite Lynas Issue, Says Mustapa
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 28 (Bernama) -- The issue of the Lynas rare earth plant will not disrupt the proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations between Malaysia and Australia, said International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed.

The trade pact between Kuala Lumpur and Canberra is expected to be signed in May this year.

"Not only the FTA, but the inflow of foreign direct investment (FDI), is also unaffected. It's separate from the Lynas issue and the Malaysia-Australia FTA is on track.

"I will be meeting my Australian counterpart in few days time.

"On the FDI, there are some companies following the Lynas issue, but so far my ministry has yet to receive any negative feedback. Malaysia continues to be a preferred investment destination for many countries," Mustapa said.

He was speaking to reporters after unveiling the wide range of maritime industry-related services offered by T.A.G Marine Sdn Bhd, here Wednesday.

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