

**Anifah Lobbies Support For Malaysia's Candidature For UN Security Council Seat**  
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PUTRAJAYA, May 19 (Bernama) -- Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman is on a working visit to New York to lobby support from fellow member states of the United Nations for Malaysia's candidature for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council (UNSC) for the 2015-2016 term.

Wisma Putra, the foreign ministry, said in a statement today that Anifah was accompanied by senior ministry officials on the visit, from today to May 24.

It said Anifah was scheduled to call on UN secretary-general Ban Ki-moon and the president of the 68th Session of the UN General Assembly, John Ashe, to exchange views on matters of mutual interest.

The minister would also brief them on Malaysia's priorities should the country be elected to the seat.

Wisma Putra said that on Wednesday, Anifah was scheduled to participate in a high-level meeting of the UN General Assembly on Contributions of the North-South, South-South, Triangular Cooperation and ICT for Development to the Implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

On the same day, Anifah was scheduled to deliver the opening remarks at the panel discussion on Strengthening United Nations' Peacekeeping Operations at the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the UN.

The event is aimed at creating awareness on the multi-dimensional aspects of the UN peacekeeping operations.

On Thursday, Anifah would host a reception at the UN headquarters in New York and launch a photo exhibition on Malaysia's Involvement at the United Nations, the statement said.

The following day, Anifah would attend a high-level meeting on Achieving Poverty Eradication through Full Employment and Decent Work for All in the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Wisma Putra said the foreign minister would also host a series of luncheons for permanent representatives of UN member nations to lobby for their countries' support for Malaysia's candidature.

He would also hold briefing sessions for permanent representatives of the member states of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC); the African Group and members of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF).

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