

Czech Republic Supports Malaysia's Global Movement Of Moderates

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KOTA KINABALU, Oct 26 (Bernama) -- Czech Republic Foreign Affairs Minister Lubomir Zaoralek said his country was supporting the Global Movement of Moderates (GMM) introduced by Malaysia in 2010.

He said the idea of moderation promoted by Malaysia through the movement was in line with the global community's struggle against extremism.

"I see Malaysia as our ally, our partner in this struggle against violence and extremism," he said at a press conference after meeting with Malaysian Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman during his visit, here, Monday.

Asked about the refugees from the Middle East, he said Czech Republic was not facing the main wave of refugees and received only a few thousand of them.

However, he agreed that a comprehensive plan was needed involving all 28 European countries to solve the crisis in the long run.

"We need a multi-level strategy to manage this crisis. It will be a long-term programme," he added.

The visit is Zaoralek's first to Malaysia and the last time Czech Republic's foreign affairs minister visited Malaysia was 21 years ago in 1994.

This visit is to reciprocate the visit by Anifah to Czech Republic in March 2014.

Among the matters discussed between Anifah and Zaoralek today were on trade and investment, education, defence, tourism, Malaysia-European Union relations, Europe's migration crisis, South China Sea, Malaysia's chairmanship of ASEAN, Malaysia's membership in the United Nations Security Council, counter-terrorism and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road.

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