

OIC Sec-Gen Calls On PM
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PUTRAJAYA, Jan 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on Wednesday received a courtesy call from Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) secretary-general Tan Sri Iyad Ameen Madani at Perdana Putra, here.

This is Iyad Ameen's second visit to Malaysia after the first one in April last year.

Iyad Ameen, who was accompanied by his delegation, spent nearly an hour with Najib at the prime minister's office.

Speaking to reporters, Iyad Ameen said he briefed Najib on the current issues and discussions within OIC as Malaysia is a key member of the organisation.

"I took the opportunity to brief His Excellency (Najib) on my visit to Bangkok, Thailand (from Jan 10 to 12). We also talked and conveyed our worries about the status of the peace agreement in the southern Philippines brokered by Malaysia.

"The agreement that Malaysia worked hard for, is now being derailed and de-rooted at the Congress of the Philippines. If this were to happen, we will end up with no agreement, that will blow the peace process in the Philippines," he said.

Expressing his concern, Iyad Ameen said this could take the whole issue to ground zero once more, and would lead a more radical stand as well as lead to eruption of violence to some extent.

"We are hopeful that the Congress of the Philippine realises this is a chance for peace and they should not let it go away," he noted.

During the high-profile meeting, Iyad Ameen added he also briefed Najib on the upcoming emergency ministerial meeting on Jan 21 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and on the breaking into of the Saudi embassy in Tehran.

"We also talked about OIC holding a summit meeting on Palestine. These are the some main issues briefed on and we listened to Najib's guidance and views on each issue," he said.

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