

## **Tight schedule for PM at UN General Assembly**

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NEW YORK, Sept 23 (Bernama) – Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will outline important details of the new Malaysian foreign policy in a speech he is scheduled to deliver at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in New York on Sept 28.

The premier who will lead the Malaysian delegation to the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UN) in New York, USA from Sept 25-29, would also defend Malaysia's stance and principles on issues that are of interest to the nation.

Foreign Minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah said the prime minister's speech was crucial to his ministry as it would be a policy speech of its new foreign policy following the change in the country's administration after the last general election.

"This is not the first time the prime minister has addressed the UN general assembly, but this is a first for Dr Mahathir as the leader of the new government and for us at the Foreign Ministry, and we are looking forward," he told the Malaysian media group that would be covering the UN General Assembly here, today.

Saifuddin said that accompanying the Prime Minister were his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Defence Minister Mohamad Sabu, Health Minister Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, himself as Foreign Minister together with several senior government officials.

In addition to his speech at the UN, Dr Mahahir is expected to have a packed five-day schedule here beginning with a dialogue session with members of the United States Council on Foreign Relations, which will discuss the situation in Malaysia, as well as Malaysia's relations with the United States.

The next prime minister will be joining the Bloomberg Global Business Forum, in a panel discussion titled 'Emerging Global Trade Relationship'.

Saifuddin said on Sept 27, Dr Mahathir will deliver a speech titled 'Insight on How Malaysia Will Meet the Challenges Confronting Security, Prosperity and Sustainability in Asia'.

On the same day, the prime minister will also deliver a keynote address at the 'Achieving SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals): Unleashing the Potential of Islamic Finance' event to be held at the UN headquarters organised by the Securities Commission of Malaysia, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB).

Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to be interviewed by several American newspapers including the Washington Post, the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal.

"The Prime Minister will also meet with leading entrepreneurs and potential investors from the United States during the visit," he said.

Tun Mahathir will conclude his visit by having dinner with Malaysians living in New York and surrounding areas.

Saifuddin said his ministry had received numerous requests from leaders of other nations seeking meetings with Dr Mahathir during the period, adding that it would be announced later.

Saifuddin said he and Mohamad and Dzulkefly also had their separate programmes scheduled for the duration of the general assembly, adding that the theme this year was "Making the United Nations Relevant to All People: Global Leadership and Shared Responsibilities for Peaceful, Equitable and Sustainable Societies".

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