

Malaysia seeks Russia's help in fighter jet maintenance - Tun M

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SINGAPORE, Nov 13 (Bernama) -- Malaysia seeks Russia help to maintain the aircraft bought from Moscow, Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"As you know we have bought a number of Russian aircraft and I think we need to learn more on how to maintain and repair the aircraft," he said during his bilateral meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

However, further details were not available as the press were asked to leave.

Malaysia is known to have Russian defence equipment.

Malaysia's Ministry of Defence has been operating Sukhoi Su-30MKM and MiG-29 fighter jets. It has been reported before that there were issues with regard to maintenance and services.

Its Minister, Mohamad Sabu had also said before that only four of the 18 Sukhoi jets were able to fly well, while the remaining were under repair.

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