

Malaysia, Lesotho To Strengthen Human Capital Development - Najib

PUTRAJAYA, May 5 (Bernama) -- Malaysia and Lesotho have pledged to strengthen human capital development between both countries, with the latest effort being the Royal Malaysian Police Force (PDRM) personnel set to train Lesotho's police force.

Besides that, the Malaysian government also will train some of Lesotho's diplomats here.

These were among the outcome of talks between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his Lesotho counterpart Pakalitha Mosisili, here, today.

"We've had a very fruitful and interesting bilateral discussion. We have explored new bilateral cooperation and the prime minister (Mosisili) is very keen that Malaysia continue to support Lesotho, especially in human capital development and training.

"Since we launched the MTCP (Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme), we have received 94 officers from Lesotho for various types of training and this training programme under the auspices of MTCP will continue," said Najib at the joint media conference with Mosisili.

This is Mosisili's first official visit to Malaysia despite having been here to attend the Langkawi International Dialogue (LID) in 1997, 1999, 2002 and 2007.

On police training, Najib said Mosisili had made a specific request that PDRM train the police officers in Lesotho, especially in the area of public order and security, including upgrading their capacity.

"I'm delighted to inform that the Malaysian government stand ready to support this request by sending a few of our trainers and this training programme will begin soon," he said.

Najib said Malaysia also accepted Lesotho's request that its diplomats undergo training at the Institute of Diplomacy And Foreign Relations (IDFR) here.

"The training programme will begin in October this year and Lesotho is welcome to send some of its diplomats here for the programme," he added.

Meanwhile, Mosisili expressed appreciation for the continued support of the Malaysian government for Lesotho's human resource development.

"Human resource development is a key to the development of any country.

"This is because the other resources cannot be utilised if the people are not properly skilled to provide the benefits to other ordinary people," he said.

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