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MOSCOW: Russia has agreed to deepen cooperation with Malaysia on nuclear energy development, including institutional, technical, commercial, legal, and human capital aspects, said Deputy Prime Minister Fadillah Yusof.

Speaking after concluding his four-day working visit to Russia, Fadillah—who also holds the energy transition and water transformation portfolio—said Russia’s expertise in peaceful nuclear technology could support Malaysia’s long-term energy security goals. He noted

that the visit aimed to strengthen bilateral energy ties, including existing cooperation on coal.

Nuclear energy featured prominently in his discussions with Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexey Overchuk.

“Russia’s advanced nuclear technology aligns with Malaysia’s aspirations under the National Energy Transition Roadmap,” said Fadillah. On Friday, he met with

Rosatom director general Alexey Likhachev to discuss legal frameworks, technology transfer, and workforce training.

The meeting opened the door to direct talks between Malaysian technical agencies and Rosatom on grid modernisation and potential integration with the ASEAN Power Grid.

The Cabinet, he added, has in principle approved nuclear energy as part of Malaysia’s future energy mix due to limitations in coal, gas, and hydro sources.

However, he stressed that a comprehensive study and public engagement are prerequisites.

“Public support is crucial. This must involve ministries, agencies and NGOs. Any move forward depends on an international agreement and public consensus.”

Fadillah’s visit follows Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim’s trip to Russia in May and comes after his earlier stop in Uzbekistan from June 21–24. – BERNAMA



FADILLAH during a press conference at the end of his four-day working visit to Russia.