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Soros Inspects Forestry Ministry's Achievement over LOI Implementation"

The United Nations special envoy for climate change George Soros met with foreign minister Zukifli Hasan to learn the Indonesian government's achievement in the implementation of the Letter of Intent it has signed with Norway.

He however declined to comment upon reporters' questions after the meeting on Thursday afternoon.

He who had earlier met with finance minister Agus Martowardojo just said 'no, no' when asked about the intention of his visit to Indonesia.

Soros came to the forestry ministry with his son, according to minister Hasan. He had asked about the implementation of the Letter of Intent Indonesia has signed with Norway particularly regarding moratorium of peat forest and primary natural forest conversion.

Hasan said Soros had also asked if he as minister would permit conversion of peat and primary natural forests before the implementation of the moratorium in 2011-2012.

"I affirmed to him that I have already implemented the moratorium policy since 2009. What is in the LOI is the program that we have already carried out so far. The forestry ministry conducts moratorium not just because of the LOI," he said.

"I have even asked him to use his network to persuade developed countries and international private companies to cooperate with Indonesia to prevent global warming through programs of forest rehabilitation on damaged and critical forests and law enforcement by not buying wood taken from illegal logging," he said.

Minister Hasan said cooperation between developed countries and Indonesia was very important for fighting emissions of green house gas and global warming.

"To Soros I said that developed countries and the UN must not only ask Indonesia to monitor its forests like a security but they must also work together with Indonesia in the effort to restore forests that have been damaged and critical. We hope Soros could act as a bridge or facilitator in the matter," he said.

The minister said Soros and delegation in the meeting had even asked about the procedure to apply for a license for the exploitation of wood products from natural forests and industrial forests.

"They indeed have not openly expressed their interest to invest in the forestry sector but it could serve as a sign that they wished to enter Indonesia," he said.

While in Indonesia, he said, Soros plans to visit Papua, East Kalimantan, Central Kalimantan and Aceh as would-be places for the moratorium pilot projects under the LOI.