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TIRANA, July 11 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, ⁹³ who arrives here this evening, will be made an honorary citizen of Tirana City, the capital of the Republic of Albania.

The award will be given by the Mayor of Tirana, Sali Kelmendi, at a ceremony at Tirana City Hall on Tuesday, the last day of the Prime Minister's visit to this country.

Dr Mahathir will be accompanied by his wife, Datuk Seri Datin Paduka Dr Siti Hasmah Ali, in the three-day visit.

Malaysia established diplomatic relations with Albania in 1981 but until today, they have yet to exchange ambassadors.

The question of establishing diplomatic missions will be among the topics to be discussed between Dr Mahathir and Albanian President Dr Sali Berisha and Prime Minister Aleksander Meksi. --more

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Deputy Secretary-General of Foreign Ministry Datuk Abdul Halim Ali said Albania was planning to set up its mission in Kuala Lumpur and had asked Malaysia for assistance.

Apart from the issue to step-up economic and cultural co-operation between the two countries, Dr Mahathir is also expected to discuss the development in Bosnia and in Eastern Europe with Albanian leaders.

He is also expected to study how the government and dakwah bodies in Malaysia could assist in the redevelopment of Islam in that country.

According to statistics, more than 70 per cent of the Albanians are Muslims.--Bernama

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