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MALBATT MEMBERS PROUD OF DR/MAHATHIR'S VISIT - VISIT

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KUALA LUMPUR, July 2 (Bernama)⁹⁴---Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad signed the visitors' book at Malbatt camp when he visited the Malaysian soldiers at Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday.

"Congratulations and thank you for your task for the nation. What you are doing here brings up the image of the race, religion and country. God willing, we will do everything possible to ensure that your presence here is not in vain." he wrote in the book.

Dr Mahathir, who is on vacation, was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Ali.

Dr Siti Hasmah wrote: "To the nation's heroes in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Selamat Bertugas and Safe return. Your safety and well being are always in my prayers."

In the first visit, Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah stopped at Malbatt camp in Konjic, about 50km from Sarajevo, for four hours.---more

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The Prime Minister's visit was a morale booster to 1,487 officers and men of the battalion, according to Mindef.

A Mindef statement today said Malbatt Commander Kol Md Hashim Hussein was happy and proud with the visit by Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah.

Kol Md Hashim said the visit had boosted the morale and determination of the Malaysian soldiers and would give a new life to peace initiative efforts in Bosnia.---more

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Mej Kamsani Mohd Salleh said the Prime Minister was sincere in helping to find a solution to the Bosnian conflict and to help develop Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"His determination to uphold universal justice has given us the spirit to undertake our tasks well," he said.

For Warrant Officer I Che Yusof, this was the first time he met Dr Mahathir in person.

"I am proud of this... in the past I only saw the Prime Minister on TV and in newspapers. I am thankful that the leader I love visited us here despite the fact that he is on vacation," he said.

Lans Koperal Zefri Mohd Zain said the visit showed that Dr Mahathir was sensitive to the sufferings of the Bosnian people and was concerned with the welfare of the Malaysian troops.---more

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He said Dr Mahathir and wife had taken a great risk to visit the Malbatt camp.

Two other Malbatt members, Meji Zainuddin Ismail and Lans Koperai Sabaital Abd Malik, described the visit as a morale booster to the troops. The said the Prime Minister's speech was very inspiring.

Dr Mahathir and his delegation were briefed on the capability of the Malbatt medical centre by Lt Kol (Dr) Liew Ngoh Chin.

The centre is also providing services to the surrounding residents. So far it had treated 4,000 civilians.

It helps the authorities to evacuate civilian victims of the war.

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