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ABANG ABU BAKAR TO REPRESENT PM IN IRAN

KUALA LUMPUR, May 10 (Bernama) -- Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha will represent Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at a railway network launch in Iran next Tuesday.

"Malaysia sees the railway project as important because it will connect Central Asia to the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), the former Soviet republics," a PM's Department statement today said.

"Indirectly, it will create opportunities for Malaysian entrepreneurs to increase their trade and ties with the CIS countries through Iran because not all trade with them could be done by flights and ports."

The 2,620-kilometre long railway network will connect all parts of Iran to Turkmenistan.

During the visit, Abang Abu Bakar will also meet some of Iran's ministers to strengthen bilateral ties. -- BERNAMA

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