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FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER CALLS ON DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, March 4 (Bernama) -- Visiting French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette today called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office here.

de Charette, who arrived yesterday for an official three-day visit, also met three Cabinet ministers earlier today.

They were International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz, Defence Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar and Foreign Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

de Charette called on Abdullah at his residence. Abdullah is on medical leave after undergoing heart surgery.

Tomorrow, the French minister is scheduled to call on Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak before holding a news conference.

de Charette will make a brief stopover in Pulau Pinang before departing for home. -- BERNAMA

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