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MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN GHANA FOR FOUR-DAY VISIT

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ACCRA, Nov 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here Friday from Guinea to begin a four-day official visit to Ghana, the second leg of his West African tour.

His wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, a large official delegation including ministers, menteri besar and a chief minister, and a big business entourage are accompanying the Prime Minister.

They were received on arrival at the Kotoka International Airport at 11.45 am local time (7.45 pm Malaysian time) by President Jerry Rawlings and First Lady Nana Konadu Agyeman Rawlings.

After a customary Ghanaian traditional welcome and taking of the salute from a military guard-of-honour, the Rawlings hosted a private luncheon for Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah.

In the afternoon, Dr Mahathir laid two wreaths at the Revolution Square and the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum. Nkrumah was Ghana's father of independence.

Later, he launched two private sector ventures involving Malaysian interests

-- a Malaysia-Ghana banking joint venture called the Metropolitan and Allied Bank and the other, the Gama Media System Limited in which Malaysia's TV3 is the foreign partner. -- BERNAMA

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