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PM ARRIVES FOR ASEAN SUMMIT

JAKARTA, Nov 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has arrived here to attend the inaugural Asean Informal Summit tomorrow.

He is scheduled to hold a bilateral meeting with the head of Myanmar's ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) Than Shwe at his hotel this evening.

After the meeting, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to call on President Suharto before attending a dinner at the Malaysian embassy tonight.

Apart from the Asean Seven, leaders of the three prospective Asean members -- Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar -- have been invited to attend the one-day summit.

No agenda has been set as the leaders were expected to have "free-wheeling discussions".

Officials however have indicated that the talks could range from Myanmar's admission into Asean, Southeast Asia nuclear weapons-free zone treaty, economic cooperation in the Mekong Basin and next month's World Trade Organisation (WTO) ministerial meeting. -- BERNAMA

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