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AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR CALLS ON DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- Austrian Chancellor Viktor Klima called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office here today.

Wisma Putra Undersecretary for Europe M. Santhananaban said Klima and Dr Mahathir discussed bilateral relations, including on trade, between Austria and Malaysia.

They also discussed Bosnia-Herzegovina and the importance of re-arming the Bosnians to protect themselves.

Dr Mahathir hoped that Austria could play its role in lobbying the European Union countries to allow the Bosnians to be re-armed, Santhananaban told reporters after the meeting between the two leaders.

He said the Austrian Chancellor also invited Dr Mahathir to make an official visit to Austria. The last time Dr Mahathir visited Austria was in 1985.

Klima, who is on a two-week personal visit here with his family, leaves for home tomorrow. Earlier he visited Langkawi and Sarawak.

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