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DR MAHATHIR BIDS CROATIAN PM FAREWELL

KUALA LUMPUR, March 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad bade farewell to his Croatian counterpart, Zlatko Matesa, at his hotel here this evening.

Matesa will leave for home tonight after a three-day official visit to Malaysia aimed at enhancing economic and trade relations.

Dr Mahathir went straight to the hotel from the airport after his return from Terengganu to pay his last respects to DRB-Hicom Group chief Tan Sri Yahaya Ahmad and his wife, Puan Sri Rahana Othman, who died in helicopter crash last night.

Tonight the prime minister and Umno president will chair the Umno supreme council monthly meeting at its headquarters at the Putra World Trade Centre. -- BERNAMA

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