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DR MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR SAUDI ARABIA

KUALA LUMPUR, March 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left here today for Saudi Arabia to receive the King Faisal International Prize 1997.

He was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and several Cabinet ministers were at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang near here to send him off.

Dr Mahathir, awarded the King Faisal International Prize-Service To Islam, will be presented a certificate, a gold medallion and US\$200,000 (about RM495,000) at a ceremony at the Al-Khozamah Centre in Riyadh tomorrow. -- BERNAMA

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