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DR MAHATHIR RETURNS AFTER VISIT TO KUWAIT, BAHRAIN AND PAKISTAN

KUALA LUMPUR, April 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad returned this morning after a visit to two Gulf states and Pakistan.

Dr Mahathir was in Kuwait for three days and Bahrain for another three days before flying to Pakistan for a working visit.

On hand to meet him at the Sultan Abdul Aziz International Airport in Subang were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, ministers and deputy ministers as well as leaders of the Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties.

Dr Mahathir told reporters he was happy with the outcome of the visit which had succeeded in strengthening further ties between Malaysia and countries concerned.

"Many matters were discussed and there will be follow-up," he said.

Dr Mahathir's visits to the Gulf states were among others to enhance bilateral trade and promote cooperation between Malaysian entrepreneurs and their counterparts in Kuwait and Bahrain.

On his visit to Pakistan, Dr Mahathir said he went to Pakistan since he was unable to attend the recent meeting of the Organisation of Islam Conference (OIC).

The visit enabled Dr Mahathir to meet his Pakistani counterpart Nawaz Sharif whom he said was interested in enhancing ties between Pakistan and Malaysia.

Dr Mahathir said they discussed the possibility of Pakistan sending officers and politicians to study development in Malaysia.

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