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DR MAHATHIR RETURNS HOME AFTER ATTENDING OIC SUMMIT IN IRAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today returned home after attending the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) summit in Teheran.

The aircraft carrying Dr Mahathir and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, landed at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah airport in Subang at 8.55 am.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Cabinet ministers were at the airport to receive the Prime Minister.

A total of 26 heads of government attended the summit which Iran hosted for the first time since the 55-member OIC was established in 1969.

While in Iran, Dr Mahathir met with Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who opened the three-day summit, and Iranian president Mohammad Khatami.

The Prime Minister also held bilateral talks with three African leaders, presidents Omar Hassan Ahmed Al Bashir (Sudan), Hassan Gouled Aptidon (Djibouti) and Ahmad Tejan Kabbah (Sierra Leone).

Dr Mahathir also held a dialogue with Iran's senior managers and academicians and witnessed an agreement signing between Technology Resources Industries Berhad (TRI) and the Telecom Company of Esfahan. --
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