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DR MAHATHIR TO ATTEND OIC SUMMIT IN TEHRAN

KUALA LUMPUR, March 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has accepted an invitation to attend the eighth Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) summit in Tehran in December.

Dr Mahathir gave the confirmation to Iranian Foreign Minister, Dr Ali Akbar Velayati who called on him at his office here today. Velayati had handed over a written invitation signed by Iranian President, Hashemi Rafsanjani.

"We have agreed that the agenda of the summit should be more practical," Velayati told reporters after the meeting.

He said they also talked about the Islamic ummah and Islamic world as well as relations among muslim countries.

Malaysia is the first stop in Velayati's trip to the region to hand over the invitations for the summit.

From here, he will visit Indonesia and Brunei.

On the recently formed group comprising eight developing Muslim countries (D-8), Velayati hoped that it would be close to the OIC.

He said the D-8 which was mostly economic oriented had held two ministerial meetings in Turkey. A summit among leaders of the D-8 countries is to be held soon. --BERNAMA

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