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Dr Mahathir: `Stick to Anwar's statement'

SINGAPORE'S STATEMENT ... Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad reads a copy of the Press statement issued by Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong yesterday while Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim looks on.

This statement was in response to Dr Mahathir and Anwar's statements on the status of the bilateral relations. It was handed to Dr Mahathir by his assistant Press secretary Zakaria Wahab soon after he arrived at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah International Airport last night after a four-day official visit to Japan.

Dr Mahathir told reporters he was not prepared to comment on the issue yet and said "stick to Anwar's statement".

Anwar, his wife, Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Wira Mohamad Ali Rustam were among those at the airport to welcome Dr Mahathir and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

During the visit, he had an audience with Emperor Akihito and held official talks with Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto. He met top Japanese industrialists in Osaka and addressed the Second Fukuoka Dialogue.

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