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FOREIGN MINISTERS CALL ON MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, July 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today met the foreign ministers of Asean's dialogue partners attending the group's meetings here.

The meeting, lasting about 35 minutes, took place at the Prime Minister's Department.

Among the foreign ministers were United States Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, China's Qian Qichen and Australia's Alexander Downer.

Foreign ministers and representatives from India, Japan, Russia, the United States, Australia, Canada, the European Union, South Korea and New Zealand were also present.

They were led by Malaysia's Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The foreign ministers and their counterparts from the nine Asean member countries will begin their two-day Post-Ministerial Conference today. Yesterday, they attended the Asean Regional Forum (ARF) Ministerial Meeting. -- BERNAMA

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