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MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR LONDON TO BEGIN TWO-MONTH LEAVE

KUALA LUMPUR, May 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left for London tonight to begin his two-month leave.

In London, Dr Mahathir would promote the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) to potential investors and make official visits to several countries in Europe in between his leave.

This is the first time Dr Mahathir was going on a long leave in his 16-year tenure as Prime Minister.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had been appointed Acting Prime Minister in his absence.

Among those present at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah International Airport in Subang to send off Dr Mahathir were Anwar, Cabinet ministers, Members of Parliament and senators. -- BERNAMA

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