

01 AUG 1997

NAWAZ SHARIF CALLS ON DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 1 (Bernama) -- Visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif called on Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Prime Minister's Department here today.

The two prime ministers then led their respective delegations for talks.

Among those in the Malaysian side were Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik, International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz and Deputy Home Minister Datul Tajol Rosli Ghazali who is the minister-in-attendance,

The Pakistani delegation included Foreign Affairs Minister Gohar Ayub Khan, Commerce Minister Muhammad Ifhaq Dar and Finance Minister Sartaj Aziz.

The prime ministers will witness the signing of a joint-venture agreement between Inno-Enhance Sdn Bhd, the government of Punjab and Punjab Industrial Board to establish an export-processing zone in Pakistan.

A memorandum of understanding on defence cooperation between the two countries will also be signed. Malaysia will be represented by Defence Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Azizan Husain while Pakistan, its Defence Secretary Lt Gen Iftikhar Ali Khan.

Nawaz arrived yesterday for a three-day visit aimed at enhancing bilateral cooperation. -- BERNAMA

AZZ RM