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Mandela-Departure

PRESIDENT MANDELA LEAVES FOR HOME

LANGKAWI, March 10 (Bernama) -- South African President Nelson Mandela left here today after a five-day visit to the country.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali and their daughter, Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, were at the Langkawi international airport to bid him farewell.

Mandela arrived here on Saturday for a rest after attending to official duties in Kuala Lumpur since his arrival on Thursday.

He was on the final leg of his visit to Southeast Asia at the head of a 30-member delegation comprising government officials and business leaders.

In Kuala Lumpur, he held talks with Dr Mahathir and delivered his keynote address at the South Africa-Malaysia Forum.

He also visited the Perusahaan Otomobil Nasional (Proton) plant in Shah Alam.

While here, he witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Umno Youth and the African National Congress Youth League. --

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