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TATARSTAN PRESIDENT CALLS ON DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, April 11 (Bernama) -- Tatarstan President Mintimer Shaimiev today held talks with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Prime Minister's Department here.

During the 30-minute meeting, they discussed bilateral relations and other matters of common interest.

Shaimiev arrived here on Tuesday on a four-day private visit to Malaysia.

He is accompanied by First Deputy Prime Minister Ravil Muratov, Foreign Economic Relations Minister Rashid Akhounov, Economics Minister Damir Bikbov and several industrialists.

Shaimiev's visit follows the visit made to Tatarstan by the Regent of Negeri Sembilan Tunku Naquiyuddin Tuanku Ja'afar who led a delegation of Malaysian businessmen to Tatarstan's capital, Kazan in October last year.

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