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AL AZHAR UNIVERSITY'S GRAND SHEIKH TO VISIT MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 15 (Bernama) -- The Grand Sheikh of Cairo's Al Azhar University Dr Mohamed Sayed Tantawi will make a four-day official visit to Malaysia from Tuesday at the invitation of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He will have an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and hold talks with the Prime Minister.

He will deliver a public lecture at Pusat Islam on Wednesday and hold a dialogue with students of the International Islamic University.

Mohamed Sayed will also meet officials of Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd and Tabung Haji and visit the Institut Agama Islam Negeri Kedah (INSANIAH) in Alor Setar and Kolej Agama Sultan Zainal Abidin (KUSZA) in Kuala Terengganu. Both these institutions have twinning programmes with Al Azhar University.

A total of 5,101 Malaysian students are studying at Al Azhar at present.

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