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DR MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR BRUNEI

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is on a series of meetings to consult fellow Asean leaders on the region's economic crisis, departed for Bandar Seri Begawan today.

During the brief one-day working visit, Dr Mahathir will meet Sultan Hassanah Bolkuah and discuss the region's economic and financial situation.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, left for Brunei from the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang near here on a private jet at about 3pm.

Dr Mahathir and Sultan Hassanah last met in December at the second Asean informal summit here.

Dr Mahathir was on a similar mission recently to Bangkok, Manila and Singapore.

Asean countries are now considering a proposal to trade in their own currencies in view of the stronger US dollar. -- BERNAMA

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