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DR MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR CAIRO

KUALA LUMPUR, May 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left for the Egyptian capital of Cairo today for a three-day official visit and to attend the Group of 15 (G-15) Summit of developing countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

This is his second visit to Egypt after 14 years.

A 24-member business delegation is also accompanying Dr Mahathir, who would also address a business forum organised by the Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce.

The Prime Minister will be conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Letters by the renowned Al Azhar University at a ceremony on Sunday.

Dr Mahathir, who will deliver a lecture at the university, is the first foreign head of government to be conferred the doctorate by the university in 30 years.

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