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DR MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR YANGON FOR TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, March 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left for Yangon today for a two-day official visit to Myanmar.

He is accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

The prime minister was seen off at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang here by his deputy and Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob and Deputy Home Minister Datuk Tajol Rosli Ghazali were also present.

Dr Mahathir's visit is part of Malaysia's on-going efforts to enhance bilateral ties with neighbouring countries and consolidate Asean unity.

This is the prime minister's first visit to Myanmar since that country joined Asean last July.

Asean groups Brunei, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. -- BERNAMA

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