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DR MAHATHIR TO VISIT BRUNEI TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will visit Brunei tomorrow to discuss the latest economic and financial situation affecting the region with Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah.

Dr Mahathir will be accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, said a Foreign Ministry statement today.

The overnight trip to Bandar Seri Begawan is part of a series to meet with his fellow Asean leaders on the crisis. Dr Mahathir and Sultan Hassanal last met in December at the second Asean informal summit here.

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

Dr Mahathir was on a similar mission recently to Thailand, the Philippines and Singapore.

Dr Mahathir and his Singapore counterpart Goh Chok Tong said in a joint communique today that their countries would cooperate with each other and with other Asean countries to restore stability to regional currencies. --

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