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DR MAHATHIR MAKES FAREWELL CALL ON UGANDAN PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, April 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today made a farewell call on Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni who is on a four-day visit to Malaysia.

Dr Mahathir met Museveni for about 40 minutes at the president's hotel suite.

They had held bilateral discussions at the Prime Minister's Department yesterday, capped with the signing of two agreements on trade as well as economic, scientific and cultural cooperation.

Dr Mahathir will be visiting Johor tomorrow and on Sunday, the day Museveni is scheduled to leave for home.

The Ugandan President had earlier today toured the Proton national car assembly plant in Shah Alam and the Sungai Way Free Trade Zone in Petaling Jaya.

Emerging from the meeting with Museveni, Dr Mahathir was asked by a BBC reporter why he was confident that Malaysia could bounce back economically.

The prime minister reiterated that the fundamentals were good.

"Generally the people are very united and they think that they can make it," he said.

Asked on the new water agreement with Singapore, Dr Mahathir said an understanding had been reached regarding the continuation of supply and the conditions for supply.

"We have reached an understanding but because water is a state matter, I have to get the state to agree first," he said referring to Johor, the state neighbouring Singapore which is the main source of the island state's water supply. -- BERNAMA

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