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DR MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR HANOI ASEAN SUMMIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left for Hanoi today to attend the sixth summit meeting of leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean).

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz.

The Asean heads of state and government are expected to sign the 1998 Hanoi Declaration 1998 and adopt the Hanoi Plan of Action.

Asean comprises Brunei, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The prime minister was seen off at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang near here by Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Second Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman.

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