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DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN BRUNEI

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Feb 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is on a regional swing to consult fellow Asean leaders on the region's economic crisis, arrived in Bandar Seri Begawan this evening.

He is scheduled to meet Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah before they adjourn for dinner at the Royal Brunei Golf and Country Club in Jerundong.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, arrived at 5.20 pm.

They were received by Industry and Primary Resources Minister Pehin Haji Abdul Rahman Haji Mohammad Taib.

Dr Mahathir and Sultan Hassanal last met in December at the second Asean informal summit in Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Mahathir was on a similar mission recently to Bangkok, Manila and Singapore.

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

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

Dr Mahathir departs for Sabah tomorrow morning. -- BERNAMA

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