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MAHATHIR RETURNS TO KUALA LUMPUR

HAADYAI, April 22 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad returned to Kuala Lumpur at tonight after an eight-hour working visit here and Songkhla.

He was seen off at the international airport here by Thai Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai.

Dr Mahathir had earlier witnessed the signing of an agreement between Petronas, the national oil company, Thailand Petroleum Authority and the Malaysia-Thailand Joint Development Authority.

The agreement, signed at the General Prem Tinsulanonda Park in Songkhla, 35km from here, is on the sale of gas from the Malaysia-Thailand Joint Development Area.

Later in the afternoon, Dr Mahathir attended a bilateral delegation meeting at the JB hotel, here, where Chuan hosted a dinner in his honour.

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and several senior government officials.

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