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MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR HOME AFTER VISITS TO EGYPT, SUDAN

KHARTOUM, May 15 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left here for Kuala Lumpur late Friday evening after an eight-day visit to Egypt and Sudan.

In between the two visits, he attended the G15-summit in Cairo.

Mahathir's visit to Sudan was the first by a Malaysian Prime Minister but was his second to Egypt.

Several agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) were signed by officials and businessmen of both countries during the visit aimed at boosting trade and investment as well as facilitating travel among citizens of the three countries.

The Prime Minister was given a ceremonial send-off at Khartoum International Airport where he inspected a guard of honour. President Omar Hassan Ahmed El Bashir led his ministers to see him off. Members of the diplomatic corps were also present.

Shortly before his departure, Mahathir and Bashir held a joint press conference.

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