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PM LEAVES FOR TWO-DAY WORKING VISIT TO BRUNEI

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left here this morning for a two-day working visit to Brunei to further enhance bilateral ties.

He was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

While in Bandar Seri Begawan, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to call on Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah who is also Brunei's Prime Minister.

The two leaders are expected to hold discussions focusing on joint efforts by Malaysia and Brunei to overcome the economic crisis.

Dr Mahathir and Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah agreed here last year to hold annual meetings to exchange views on related regional and world issues.

Among those at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang to send him off were Second Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob and Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Wira Mohamed Ali Rustam.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is accompanying Dr Mahathir on the visit, left for Brunei earlier.

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