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SULTAN OF BRUNEI TO VISIT MALAYSIA TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 26 (Bernama) -- The Sultan of Brunei will arrive tomorrow for a private meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Saturday, said officials.

The two leaders, who last met on Feb 18 when Dr Mahathir made an overnight trip to Bandar Seri Begawan, are expected to discuss further the financial and economic situation in the region.

A Foreign Ministry statement today said the purpose of Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah's trip was to have discussions with Dr Mahathir "especially in the context of coordinating efforts to overcome the crisis"

Dr Mahathir said after his meeting with Sultan Hassanal last week that Brunei had agreed to the proposal to use regional currencies for trade among Asean member countries.

The proposal is being studied by several other Asean countries including Singapore.

Sultan Hassanal will be accompanied by his younger brother, Prince Jefri Bolkiah, who is the chairman of the Brunei Investment Agency, and other senior government officials during the two-day visit.

Sultan Hassanal will be received by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Economic Advisor to the Government Tun Daim Zainuddin. He will depart on Saturday evening. -- BERNAMA

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