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SULTAN OF BRUNEI ARRIVES FOR WORKING VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 27 (Bernama) -- The Sultan of Brunei arrived here tonight for a brief working visit to hold talks with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the latest developments pertaining to the financial and economic situation in the region especially in the context of coordinating efforts to overcome the crisis.

Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah was met on arrival at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Economic Adviser to the Government Tun Daim Zainuddin.

The sultan is accompanied by his younger brother Pengiran Jefri Bolkiah who is also the chairman of the Brunei Investment Agency and secretaries-general Yahaya Bakar (finance ministry), Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman (prime minister's department) and Lim Jock Seng (foreign ministry).

The discussion between Sultan Hassanal and Dr Mahathir will be held tomorrow morning at the hotel where the sultan is staying, Wisma Putra said.

Brunei has agreed with the proposal for Asean member countries to use their own currencies when trading with each other as well as enhancing regional trade.

The two leaders had before this met in Bandar Seri Begawan when Dr Mahathir visited the sultanate on Feb 18.

The sultan will leave for home after attending a luncheon tomorrow.

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