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DR MAHATHIR HOPES CALM WILL RETURN TO INDONESIA

JITRA, Oct 22 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he hoped that the political upheaval in Indonesia will end with the election of its president and vice-president.

He felt that the election result would help calm the situation in the neighbouring country.

"I pray that Indonesia will continue to be peaceful and successful," he told a news conference at the Sultan Abdul Halim Airport, here, before leaving for Kuala Lumpur after a two-day working visit to Kedah.

Malaysia accepted the election result because it was the right of the Indonesians to choose the two leaders.

He said this when asked to comment on the election of Megawati Sukarnoputri as the vice-president of Indonesia.

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