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DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN ZIMBABWE FOR SAID 99

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VICTORIA FALLS (Zimbabwe), Oct 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today to attend the Third Southern Africa International Dialogue 99 (SAID 99) which begins tomorrow.

The prime minister's official jet arrived from London where Dr Mahathir made a stopover for several days after addressing the 54th United Nations General Assembly and inaugurating the Malaysian-American Business Council in New York.

He was met on arrival at the Victoria Falls Airport, about 1,000km from the capital city of Harare, by Zimbabwean Minister of Planning Commission Richard Howe.

Also present were Malaysian high commissioner to Zimbabwe Ali Abdullah, high commission staff and officials of SAID 99.

Tomorrow evening, Dr Mahathir will be attending the opening ceremony of SAID 99 by Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe.

On Monday, Dr Mahathir will deliver his keynote address on smart partnership at a dinner.

He will also attend the various sessions of SAID 99 this year which carries the theme "Economic Empowerment Through Smart Partnership".

The prime minister will return to Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday.

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