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DR MAHATHIR CALLS ON HABIBIE

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad called on visiting Indonesian President B.J.Habibie at the Palace of the Golden Horses here today.

After the 15-minute meeting, Dr Mahathir hosted a luncheon for Habibie and his delegation.

Among those at the luncheon were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and several Cabinet ministers.

Habibie arrived earlier today for a one-day working visit to reciprocate that by Dr Mahathir to Indonesia's Batam Island last May.

Habibie's entourage includes Coordinating Minister for Economy, Finance and Industry Ginandjar Kartasasmita, Foreign Minister Ali Alatas, Defence Minister and Armed Forces Chief Gen Tan Sri Wiranto, Industry and Trade Minister Rahardi Ramelan and Justice Minister Muladi.

Earlier, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah received Habibie in an audience at Istana Negara here.

Dr Mahathir and Habibie are scheduled to have bilateral talks at the Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya later today to be followed by a delegation meeting.

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