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HABIBIE LEAVES AFTER ONE-DAY VISIT

SEPANG, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- Indonesia's President B.J Habibie left here this evening for home after a one-day visit.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was at the KL International Airport (KLIA) to send him off.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali, who is minister-in-attendance, and Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Leo Michael Toyad were also present.

It was Habibie's second visit to Malaysia as president. He visited here in November last year to attend the the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum.

His visit this time was to reciprocate that by Dr Mahathir to Batam Island in May.

This morning, Habibie called on the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah at Istana Negara. He and his entourage were later hosted to lunch by Dr Mahathir at the Palace of the Golden Horses.

Habibie and Dr Mahathir held a bilateral meeting at the Prime Minister's office in Putrajaya before his departure.

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

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