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MAHATHIR ARRIVES HOME

KUALA LUMPUR, March 3 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad returned home today after attending the second summit of the group of eight Islamic developing countries (D-8) in Bangladesh.

Present at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang to welcome the prime minister and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, were Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat and National Unity and Social Development Minister Datin Paduka Zaleha Ismail.

The special aircraft carrying the prime minister touched down at 4pm.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir was sent off at Dhaka's Zia International Airport by his Bangladeshi counterpart, Sheikh Hasina.

The Dhaka Declaration issued at the end of the summit stressed on the importance of economic cooperation between member nations.

The D-8 comprises Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Pakistan, Nigeria and Turkey.

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