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OIC-Arrivals  
DELEGATES ARRIVING FOR ICFM

KUALA LUMPUR, June 25 (Bernama) -- More Foreign ministers and representatives from member countries of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) will arrive today for the 27th session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers beginning here on Tuesday.

Among those expected today are Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Mauritania's head of delegation Cheikh Ould Baha and delegations from Qatar and Kyrgyz Republic.

Some delegates arrived here yesterday, ahead of the four-day ICFM to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Palace of Golden Horses hotel here.

Among those expected tomorrow are Iranian Foreign Minister Dr Kamal Kharrazi, Pakistan Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar, Tunisian Foreign Minister Habib Ben Yahia and Libya's Secretary for Political Affairs Saad Mustafa Mujber.

Others include Sierra Leone Foreign Minister Dr Sama S.Banya and Cameroon's head of delegation, Minister Adoum Gargoum.

Some 1,000 delegates from OIC member countries are expected to attend the meeting, the second to be hosted by Malaysia. Kuala Lumpur last hosted the meeting in 1974.

The OIC, formed in 1969, consists of 56 member countries and four observer states including Bosnia and Herzegovina and Thailand.

Representatives from several international and regional organisations, including the United Nations, Non-Aligned Movement, League of Arab States, and the Organisation of African Unity were also expected to attend the meeting.

The meeting would also see the participation of OIC's subsidiary organs, among them, the Research Centre on Islamic History, Art and Culture based in Istanbul, Islamic Institute of Technology (Bangladesh) and Islamic Centre for the Development of Trade (Morocco).

Also attending are representatives of Islamic foundations and societies such as the Muslim World League, World Islamic Call Society, World Assembly of Muslim Youth and the League of Islamic Universities.

Among the countries and organisations invited to attend the meeting are Croatia, Slovenia, Gulf Cooperation Council of Arab States, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the UN Food and Agricultural Organisation.

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