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IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CALLS ON DR MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, Feb 18 (Bernama) -- Visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Dr Kamal Kharrazi called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office, here, today.

Heading a 10-member delegation on a three-day official visit to Malaysia, Dr Kamal met Dr Mahathir for about half-an-hour. He was accompanied by Malaysian Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

Present were Iranian ambassador to Malaysia Hossein Fereydoun and Iranian Foreign Ministry Director-General for South and East Asia Affairs Siavash Zargar Yaqubi.

Foreign Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Abdul Kadir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Ahmad Fuzi Abdul Razak were also present.

The Iranian delegation later joined Dr Mahathir for Friday prayers at the Putrajaya Mosque.

Dr Kamal and his delegation, which includes high-level officials from the Petroleum Ministry and the Iranian Chamber of Commerce, arrived here yesterday.

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