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MAHATHIR HOSTS DINNER FOR INDON PRESIDENT

LANGKAWI, Oct 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight hosted dinner for Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid and his wife Ibu Sinta Nuriyah at a leading hotel here.

Also present was the prime minister's wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and his Indonesian counterpart Alwi Shihab and their wives, several other Indonesian ministers and senior officials from the two countries also attended the dinner.

The dinner was being held in conjunction with the two-day working visit by Abdurrahman to forge closer bilateral ties.

Dr Mahathir and Abdurrahman had earlier held a closed-door meeting before leading their respective delegations to a bilateral meeting.

At the dinner, the guests were entertained with songs and cultural dances performed by the Kedah State Cultural and Arts Troupe.

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