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MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR QATAR TO ATTEND OIC SUMMIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left for Qatar today to attend the ninth Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) leaders summit.

The government executive jet taking the prime minister took off from the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah airport in Subang at 9 am.

Dr Mahathir was seen off by wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and other Cabinet members.

The prime minister is scheduled to address the summit on behalf of the Asian group of countries at its opening in Doha, the Qatari capital tomorrow.

The Emir of Qatar Sheikh Hamad Khalifa Al Thani will open the three-day summit. The OIC has 56 members.

Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to have talks with several leaders, including Palestinian President Yasser Arafat.

Renowned ulama Prof Dr Yusuf Qardawi is also scheduled to call on Dr Mahathir.

After the summit, Dr Mahathir will leave for Brunei Darussalam to attend the summit meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Bandar Seri Begawan.

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