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SLOVAK FM CALLS ON DR MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, March 14 (Bernama) -- Slovak Foreign Minister Eduard Kukan called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office here today.

He was accompanied by Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Dr Leo Michael Toyad.

Kukan arrived yesterday for a two-day official visit to boost bilateral ties with Malaysia.

Both countries reportedly had agreed to set up diplomatic missions at their capital cities.

Presently Slovakia is covered by the Malaysian embassy in Vienna while the Slovakian ambassador in Jakarta is also accredited to Malaysia.

Former communist Czechoslovakia separated peacefully on Jan 1 1993 into two republics -- Slovak and Czech.

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