

Thaksin to visit M'sia and Vietnam

BANGKOK: Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra is expected to pay an official visit to Malaysia and Vietnam during the period April 24 to 27, Thai Foreign Minister Surakiart Sathirathai said yesterday.

A senior official at the government spokesman's office said Thaksin's delegation would leave for Malaysia on April 24 and depart for Vietnam on April 25.

Thaksin was due to return to Bangkok on April 26, she said.

Thai newspapers yesterday quoted unnamed Thai security sources as saying separatist groups who were blamed for three weekend bombings in southern Thailand held a meeting last month in Kuala Lumpur to plan the sabotage.

Thaksin said over the weekend he would raise the issue of Muslim separatists at his meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. — Reuters