

Mahathir in Yemen for 4-day visit

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrives in Yemen today for a four-day visit to strengthen bilateral relations. It is also to reciprocate the visit of Yemeni president Ali Abdullah Saleh to Malaysia in 1988.

Dr Mahathir will be accompanied by his wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and a delegation which includes ministers, menteris besar and the business community.

Tomorrow, he will call on Ali Abdullah and meet with members of the Shoura Council, Ulama and Intellectuals. He will also visit the Free Trade Zone of Aden and Aden Port, and attend a meeting cum dialogue session with Yemeni Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Aden Hotel.

On Friday, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to arrive in Seyoun where he would be received by the Governor of Hadhramout.

He will attend a meeting with the Ulama of Hadhramout at Mahaad Darul Mustafa before going for Friday prayers at the Al-Saqqaf Mosque, Tarim. He will also meet with Malaysian students at Maahad Darul Mustafa. On Saturday, he will visit the Old Sana'a. — NST