

PM to boost ties with Yemen

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrives in Yemen tomorrow 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.

On Thursday, 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.



Facts that figure

PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD VISITS REPUBLIC OF YEMEN FROM AUGUST 15 TO 18

Land Area ▲ 527,970 sq.km

Population ▲ 23 million

Capital ▲ Sana'a

Climate ▲ The climate is temperate in the mountainous regions in the western part of the country, which is affected by seasonal monsoons; it is extremely hot with minimal rainfall in the rest of the country. It is very hot and humid on the coast.

Official Religion ▲ Islam

Official Language ▲ Arabic although English is widely understood

Economy ▲ Agriculture and industrial products

Currency & Exchange Rate ▲ Yemeni Dinar (RM 1 = 2.22 Dinar – 2001 est)

Total Exports Worldwide ▲ RM7.6 billion (1999 est)

Total Imports Worldwide ▲ RM8.74 billion (1999 est)

