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ABDULLAH CALLS ON FIDEL CASTRO

KUALA LUMPUR, May 12 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today called on visiting Cuban President Fidel Castro at his hotel suite.

The meeting at the Renaissance Hotel presidential suite lasted for about 90 minutes.

Castro arrived here early yesterday for the three-day state visit on the invitation on Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah.

The veteran leader visited Algeria and Iran before coming to Malaysia and is expected to leave for Doha, Qatar tomorrow morning.

Tonight, Castro will attend a private dinner hosted by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Seri Perdana, the prime minister's official residence in Putrajaya.

Earlier today, Castro visited the world's tallest twin buildings, the Petronas Twin Towers, where he was briefed by Petronas staff on the development of the towers.

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