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Syed Hamid-Yemen

DR M MAKING FOUR-DAY VISIT TO YEMEN FROM WEDNESDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will make a four-day official visit to Republic Yemen beginning Wednesday.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said Dr Mahathir would be accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, several ministers, Menteri Besar, Members of Parliament and representatives of 21 companies, including Petronas, the national oil corporation.

The visit is aimed at enhancing bilateral ties between the two countries besides exploring trade and investment prospects, he told a media conference on Dr Mahathir's visit at Wisma Putra today.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to call on Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Salleh, meet members of the consultative council and hold a dialogue with the Yemeni Chambers of Commerce and Industry, he said.

He is also expected to meet Malaysian students in Hadramaut.

Syed Hamid, who will be in Dr Mahathir's entourage, said he would sign two Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) -- the formation of the Malaysia-Yemen Joint Commission and the civil service.

Under the MoU on civil service, Malaysia would provide training and training module to Yemeni civil servants, he said.

He also said Malaysia's exports to Yemen amounted to about RM260 million while its imports totalled RM67 million.

"The bulk of our exports are electrical goods," he added.

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