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DR MAHATHIR RETURNS FROM G15 SUMMIT IN JAKARTA

KUALA LUMPUR, June 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad returned home from Jakarta today after attending the Group of 15 (G15) developing nations summit.

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, arrived at the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) station in Subang here at 11.15am.

He was among seven heads of state and government who attended the two-day summit chaired by Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid.

The prime minister told a media conference at the conclusion of the summit yesterday that he was happy that the G15 had emerged as a strong organisation.

"You can see that every member country is serious and determined to play their role effectively in negotiations which affect the developing countries and their relationship with developed nations," said Dr Mahathir, who spoke on behalf of the Asian members at the summit opening.

Established in 1989, the G15 groups Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

Venezuela will host the next summit in Caracas.

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