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DR MAHATHIR TO MEET MALAYSIAN STUDENTS IN HADHRAMOUT

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ADEN, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad travels from Aden to the city of Seiyoun in the governorate of Hadhramout this afternoon on the third day of his four-day visit to Yemen.

Soon after his arrival, the Prime Minister will meet Malaysian students at the Law faculty of the Al-Ahqaf University in Ta'arim and then perform Friday prayers at the Al-Rawdhah Mosque.

Dr Mahathir will also meet with ulamas at Darul Mustafa after which he and the Malaysian delegation would have lunch hosted by the Governor of Hadhramout, Abdul Kader Ali Hilal at the Al-Hawta Palace Hotel.

Dr Mahathir will also visit the city of Shibam which is home to some of the historical landmarks of Yemen.

Dr Mahathir and his entourage, including members of the Malaysian press corps accompanying the Prime Minister are scheduled to leave Seiyoun for Sana'a at 5.30pm (10.30pm Malaysian time).

Dr Mahathir is visiting Yemen to strengthen ties between Malaysia and this West Asian nation of 18 million people and to reciprocate the visit by Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh to Malaysia in 1998.

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