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DR MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR EUROPE

SUBANG, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left for a private visit to Europe tonight prior to making a state visit to Yemen next week.

Dr Mahathir, who will visit Yemen from Aug 15 to 17, will be attending the Global 2001 (Southern Africa International Dialogue/Langkawi International Dialogue) Smart Partnership International Dialogue in Kampala, Uganda, on Aug 18 to 21.

The executive jet carrying the prime minister and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali left the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) station here at 11.05pm.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to return home on Aug 22.

Among those at the RMAF station to send off the prime minister was his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

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