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MAHATHIR HOLDS LUNCHEON TALKS WITH KAZAKH PRESIDENT

PUTRAJAYA, Feb 20 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today held talks with Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev, who is on a 10-day private visit to Malaysia.

Their 30-minute discussions preceded a luncheon hosted by Dr Mahathir at his official residence, Seri Perdana, here.

Nazarbayev is accompanied by his wife Fara and 15 officials of the former Soviet republic.

Also present were the prime minister's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali and Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

Nazarbayev arrived on Feb 14 and has visited the Petronas Twin Towers and Langkawi, among other tourist attractions. He is scheduled to return home on Saturday.

Syed Hamid told reporters later that the two leaders exchanged ideas on ways to attract investment and forge closer bilateral relations.

"He also invited the prime minister to visit his country and they discussed the possibility of setting up a Malaysian mission in Kazakhstan," Syed Hamid added.

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