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MAHATHIR TO ATTEND G15 SUMMIT IN JAKARTA

KUALA LUMPUR, May 22 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will attend the summit meeting of the Group of 15 Developing Countries (G15) scheduled for two days in Jakarta from May 30.

Wisma Putra would issue a statement on the summit later, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said at a news conference at the Ministry here today.

Explaining that the G15 is more of an economic cooperation mechanism than a political one, Syed Hamid indicated that the Jakarta summit would deal with " a lot of economic matters to see how South-South countries cooperate in the field of economy, finance and trade".

Last year's G15 summit in Cairo identified several areas where member countries could still enhance cooperation, he said.

"The process of cooperation and increasing trade is ongoing, there is more trade now than it was before, but there is still a lot of potential for it to further develop," he said.

Foreign ministers of the G15 will meet from May 27, ahead of the summit, Syed Hamid added.

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