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MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN JAKARTA FOR G15 SUMMIT

JAKARTA, May 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today to attend the 11th Group of 15 Developing Nations (G15) Summit beginning tomorrow.

Dr Mahathir and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali arrived at the Halim Perdanakusuma Airport at about 7pm (local time).

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, Deputy International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Kerk Choo Ting, Malaysian Ambassador to Indonesia Datuk Rastam Mohamed Isa and Director-General of the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Iskandar Dzakurnain Badaruddin were at the airport to receive the prime minister.

Dr Mahathir, who will deliver his speech on behalf of Asian member states at the summit, is among heads of state who arrived today for the two-day summit at the Jakarta Convention Centre.

The other heads of state are Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, Senegal President Abdoulaye Wade, Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Ebeid and Jamaican Prime Minister James Patterson.

Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid is scheduled to open the summit themed "Harnessing the potential of the digital era for development".

The other member states will be represented by high-ranking state officials.

The G15 consists of Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia, Egypt, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

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