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Megawati-Return

MEGAWATI LEAVES FOR HOME AFTER VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 28 (Bernama) -- Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri left for home today after concluding a two-day visit to Malaysia.

The aircraft carrying her departed from the KL International Airport in Sepang at 1.30pm.

Malaysia was the last leg of her eight-day tour of nine Asean countries to strengthen ties between Indonesia and its neighbours.

Megawati, who arrived here yesterday from Singapore, was accompanied by her husband Taufiq Kiemas and a 60-member delegation.

Yesterday, she held talks with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

She also attended a state banquet hosted by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah at Istana Negara last night.

This morning, Megawati met Indonesians in Malaysia at the Indonesian Embassy.

At the airport to bid her farewell were Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and minister-in-attendance Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman.

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