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PM to attend Seventh Asean summit

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will attend the two-day Seventh Asean Summit in Bandar Seri Begawan from Monday.

The Prime Minister will lead the Malaysian delegation which will include Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz and senior officials.

Dr Mahathir will be accompanied by his wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

He will attend a working dinner for Asean leaders hosted by the Sultan of Brunei, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, on Sunday.

On Monday, Dr Mahathir will attend the Asean Leaders' Summit which will be followed by a working lunch with leaders of Asean as well as those from South Korea, Japan and China (Asean+3).

He will then attend the Asean+3 summit.

On Tuesday, Dr Mahathir will attend the Asean+1 summit with China, Japan and South Korean respectively.

The Prime Minister will also take the opportunity to hold bilateral talks with the leaders on the sidelines of the summit.

The Seventh Asean Summit will provide the opportunity for Asean leaders to assess the progress of co-operation among member countries following the 4th Asean Informal Summit in Singapore in November last year.

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