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PM, Mugabe in closed-door meeting

PUTRAJAYA, Mon. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had a closed door meeting with Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe who is on a six-day working visit here.

The 45-minute session at the Prime Minister's official residence was followed by lunch hosted by the Prime Minister.

Foreign Ministry secretary-general Datuk Ahmad Fuzi Abdul Razak said both leaders exchanged views on issues of mutual interest, particularly on ways and means to enhance bilateral relations.

"It was very brief but cordial as they know each other well," he said.

It is understood that the leaders, who have established a good working relationship on matters affecting developing nations, also touched on the ongoing US/British military offensive against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan.

Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Leo Micheal Toyad and Ahmad Fuzi were among those present at the lunch.

Mugabe arrived here on Saturday for a five-day working visit after the Commonwealth heads of government meeting (CHOGM) in Australia was called off due to the terrorist attacks in the US on Sept 11.

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