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TWO CROATIAN MINISTERS ON THREE-DAY VISIT MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 27 (Bernama) -- Croatian Foreign Minister Tonino Picula and Finance Minister Mato Crkvenac arrived here today for a three-day visit to foster closer ties between the two countries.

Both ministers, accompanied by their respective senior officials, will have separate itinerary, according to Wisma Putra here.

Tomorrow, Picula is scheduled to hold a discussion with Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar on bilateral matters and other issues.

Malaysia opened its embassy in Croatia in July, 1994 while the Croatian embassy here was opened in November, 1995.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad made official visits to Croatia in December 1994 and April 1996. A reciprocal visit was made by the then Croatian Prime Minister Zlatko Matesa in March 1997.

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