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US CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS MEET DR MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad met with nine United States Congressional staffers who called on him at his office, here, today.

The meeting lasted 45 minutes and touched on several issues concerning the two countries.

The visitors met Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar two days ago and yesterday they met local media representatives at the Malaysian National News Agency (Bernama) building in Jalan Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir received the Commander-in-Chief of the US Pacific Command, Admiral Dennis Cutler Blair, who is on a three-day visit to Malaysia, at his office, here.

Before calling on the prime minister, Blair met Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi at the latter's office, here.

Yesterday, Blair, who assumed his present duties in February, 1999, met Armed Forces chief Gen Tan Sri Zahidi Zainuddin and Deputy Defence Minister Datuk Shafie Apdal at the Defence Ministry.

The Congressional staffers later called on Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin and are scheduled to meet Defence Minister Datuk Najib Tun Razak tomorrow.

They will leave for home on Saturday.

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