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YEMEN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT MALAYSIA FROM MONDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, July 28 (Bernama) -- The Foreign Minister of Yemen, Dr Abubakr Al-Kirbi arrives here Monday for a four-day visit to Malaysia.

Dr Abubakr, who was appointed Foreign Minister in April this year, wants to know Malaysia better and its economic development policies, said Wisma Putra here in a statement today.

Besides strengthening bilateral ties, Dr Abubakr's visit is also to discuss the proposed visit of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to the country next month.

Dr Abubakr will call on Dr Mahathir and his Malaysian counterpart, Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

He will also attend a briefing given by the Economic Planning Unit and visit the National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN) and headquarters of national oil corporation, Petronas here.

Wisma Putra said Dr Abubakr's visit is also expected to open new opportunities for business and cooperation for both countries.

The volume of trade between the two countries is still small and can be increased further, it said.

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