

# PM to visit Russia, Poland and Germany

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will make an eight-day official visit to Russia, Germany and Poland from Thursday.

He will be accompanied by his wife, Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, three Cabinet Ministers, six parliamentarians, senior government officers and private sector representatives.

While in Moscow from Thursday to Saturday, Dr Mahathir will meet with President Vladimir Putin on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual concern.

Wisma Putra said this would be a good opportunity for both sides to broaden their fields of co-operation.

Dr Mahathir is also expected to deliver a keynote address at the Malaysia-Russia Business Forum jointly organised by the Asian Strategy Leadership Institute, the Russian-Asean Co-operation Fund and the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation.

During his visit to Germany from March 18 to 20, Dr Mahathir will meet with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. He will also see first-hand the latest technology used in the fields of biotechnology, IT and the transport industry.

Dr Mahathir will also be meeting German captains of industry in Munich and Berlin.

The final leg of this visit is to Poland on March 21 and 22, where Dr Mahathir will meet with his Polish counterpart Leszek Miller and President Aleksander Kwasniewski.