

Dr Mahathir meets Gaddafi

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DATUK Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad met President Muammar Gaddafi of Libya yesterday soon after arriving at the Mitiga Military Airport from Casablanca.

The Prime Minister was taken in a motorcade straight from the airport to the walled residence of Gaddafi. They met in a tent within the walled compound.

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid

Albar, Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Aziz, Women and Family Development Minister Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman of Johor and Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob of Pahang, and Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

Several senior officials from the Prime Minister's Department and Foreign Ministry also accompanied the Prime Minister.

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It is understood that the two leaders discussed bilateral issues. During the 45-minute meeting, Dr Mahathir was also given a briefing on Libya's development.

The Prime Minister then met Gaddafi alone for several minutes while the rest of the delegation was shown the remains of a bombed building not far from the tent.

On Wednesday, Dr Mahathir ended his official four-day visit to Morocco with a tour of the commercial city of Casablanca and meetings with Moroccan businessmen.

He was hosted to dinner by the Morocco Malaysia Friendship Co-operation League, an association formed to improve business and social relations between the two countries.

Earlier that day, he was taken on a guided tour of the Moroccan Na-

tional Car Assembly Plant.

He was accompanied by the president of the plant, Larbi Belarbi. The company assembles Fiat, Citroen, Peugeot and Renault cars.

He was then taken to Craftsmen House, where craftsmen make murals and silverware for domestic consumption and export.

He was later taken to Habous Bazaar, a market for Moroccan handicraft, where he bought souvenirs.