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DR MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR MEMPHIS EN ROUTE TO KL

WASHINGTON, May 16 (Bernama) - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left Washington on Wednesday for Memphis, Tennessee, for a private visit en route to Kuala Lumpur after a successful three-day visit to the United States.

Dr Mahathir was seen off at Andrew's Air Force base here by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and Foreign Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Fuzi Abdul Razak.

While here, the Prime Minister conferred with President George W. Bush and senior members of his administration on bilateral relations, terrorism and the latest situation in West Asia.

His busy schedule included the launching of the Malaysian Trade, Security and Economic Cooperation Caucus, addressing the US-Asean Business Council and witnessing the signing of the Joint Declaration on Cooperation in Counter Terrorism.

The Prime Minister also opened the new chancery building of the Malaysian Embassy here and addressed Malaysian students from across the US, who gathered in Washington to meet him.

Dr Mahathir was also much sought after by several media organizations for interviews including The Washington Times and CNN International.

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