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MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR BRUNEI FOR ANNUAL CONSULTATION WITH SULTAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left for Bandar Seri Begawan this afternoon for the annual consultation between him and Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei.

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, departed from the Royal Malaysian Air Force airport in Subang.

This is the sixth year of consultation between the two leaders and it is Brunei's turn to host it.

The talks will cover regional and international issues affecting the two countries.

The Brunei Sultan will host a dinner in honour of Dr Mahathir at Istana Nurul Iman tonight.

The prime minister is scheduled to return to Malaysia tomorrow afternoon.

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