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MAHATHIR ARRIVES HOME FROM PARIS

SUBANG, Nov 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived home today after attending a meeting in Paris on the reconstruction of Lebanon.

Present at the Royal Malaysian Air Force base here to welcome him were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Finance Minister II Datuk Dr Jamaludin Jarjis.

The Global Express executive jet carrying prime minister landed at the airport after a 13-hour flight from London.

While in London, Dr Mahathir visited a Malaysian handicraft exhibition organised by Kraftangan Malaysia.

At the one-day Paris conference last Saturday, Malaysia pledged a loan of US300 million (RM1.14 billion) to assist in the reconstruction programme in Lebanon.

The Paris II meeting raised US\$5 billion as targeted by Lebanon, which has a debt burden of some US\$50 billion.

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