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MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN STUTTGART, GERMANY

STUTTGART, March 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today from Moscow, Russia, prior to a three-day official visit to the Federal Republic of Germany beginning Monday.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali arrived at the Stuttgart International Airport and were met on arrival by Malaysian ambassador to Germany, Datuk Abdul Kadir Mohd Deen and Malaysia's Honorary Consul in Germany, Dr Helmut Baur.

Dr Mahathir's visit to Stuttgart, home of the Mercedes Benz, is outside the scope of his official visit to Germany which will begin in Munich on Monday followed by a visit to Berlin.

During his visit here the Prime Minister will visit the Mercedes Benz plant owned by Daimler Chrysler at Sindelfingen.

Tomorrow Dr Mahathir will proceed to Heidenheim near here to visit a technology laboratory owned by Voith Siemens before leaving for an unofficial one-day visit to Dusseldorf.

The Prime Minister will be in Germany for five days enroute to Poland which is the last leg of his overseas visit.

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