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PM LEAVES FOR PARIS TO ATTEND PARIS CONFERENCE II TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 22 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left here for Paris today to attend the one-day conference on the "Reconstructing of Lebanon" or Paris Conference II tomorrow.

He was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

Among those at the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) station in Subang near here to send him off were cabinet ministers including newly-appointed Finance Minister II Datuk Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis.

President Jacques Chirac and Lebanese Prime Minister Rafic Hariri are expected to attend the conference.

Several heads of state from West Asian countries are also expected to attend.

Foreign Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar is expected to accompany Dr Mahathir who is scheduled to return on Tuesday.

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