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Mahathir-Visit
PM TO VISIT INDIA, PAKISTAN AND SAUDI ARABIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be making a working visit to India, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia from Oct 16 to 21.

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement today that the visit was aimed at enhancing bilateral relations and promoting mutually beneficial economic cooperation.

Dr Mahathir will be accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and a delegation comprising Cabinet ministers, senior government officials and media representatives.

In New Delhi, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to meet Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Dr Mahathir is also expected to address the India-Asean Business Summit and to see first hand the development of the information technology (IT) sector in Hyderabad.

In Pakistan, the Prime Minister will launch a TNB power station and also witness the signing of two memorandums of understanding (MOUs) between Malaysia and Pakistan.

Dr Mahathir will also call on President Pervez Musharraf and attend a bilateral discussion.

In Saudi Arabia, Dr Mahathir will deliver a keynote address at a seminar on "The Future Vision of the Saudi Economy Till the Year 2020".

Dr Mahathir will also meet and hold a dialogue session with prominent corporate leaders at a function organised by the Saudi-Malaysia Business Council.

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