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PM HOSTS LUNCHEON FOR HARIRI

PUTRAJAYA, May 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad hosted a luncheon for his Lebanese counterpart Raafic Hariri at Seri Perdana here today.

Also present were Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, Lebanese Minister of Finance Souad Saniora, Lebanese Minister of Public Works and Transport Mohammed Najib Mikati and other dignitaries.

Hariri arrived here yesterday with a 51-member delegation for a three-day visit aimed at strenghtening ties between the two countries.

This is his second visit to Malaysia. His last visit was two years ago.

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