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Mahathir-Departure

PM LEAVES FOR OFFICIAL VISITS TO RUSSIA, GERMANY AND POLAND

KUALA LUMPUR, March 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali left here today for an eight-day visit to Russia, Germany and Poland.

Among those present at the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) station in Subang near here were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, several Cabinet ministers and Mentris Besar.

The Prime Minister and his delegation are scheduled to be in Russia from March 14 to 16, in Germany from March 18 to 20 and in Poland on March 21 and 22.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to meet President Vladimir Putin and deliver his keynote address on "Globalisation: Towards a Fair and Prosperous Market" at the Malaysia-Russia Forum in Moscow.

He is also scheduled to visit the Shemyakin-Ovchinnikov Institute of Bio-organic Chemistry Centre, the Russian Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring Service (Rosgidromet) and witness a flight demonstration of the Sukhoi SU 30 at the Zhukovsky Aviation Institute.

In Germany, he is scheduled to meet German Chancellor Gerhard Schroder and German captains of industry and scheduled to deliver a keynote address on "Realising a Vision: The Malaysian Way" in Munich.

In Poland, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to meet his counterpart, Leszek Miller, and President Aleksander Kwasniewski.

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