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VIETNAMESE AND NEW ZEALAND FOREIGN MINISTERS CALL ON MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, March 7 (Bernama) -- Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Dy Nien and New Zealand Foreign and Trade Minister Phil Goff called on Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir at his office here today.

Dy Nien, accompanied by Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment Tran Drong Toan and Malaysian ambassador to Vietnam Datuk Wan Yusof Embong, spent about 30 minutes with the prime minister.

The Vietnamese delegation is in Malaysia to attend the Malaysia-Vietnam Joint Committee Meeting.

Dr Mahathir later had an hour-long meeting with Goff, who is in here for a three-day visit beginning today.

Goff was accompanied by New Zealand High Commissioner to Malaysia Mac Price, his deputy, David Pine, and Southeast Asia Division director of the New Zealand Foreign Ministry Sarah Dennis.

Goff, who is here at the invitation of his counterpart, Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, is also scheduled to visit Sarawak.

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