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Putin-puts off trip to Malaysia

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has postponed trips to Uzbekistan and Malaysia after a double suicide bombing marred a Moscow rock concert, a statement issued by the Kremlin said yesterday.

Putin had been expected in Samarkand for talks with President Islam Karimov this morning.

He was to travel to Kuala Lumpur tomorrow.

The statement said that Putin explained the situation in a telephone conversation with Karimov and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Both leaders extended their condolences after Saturday's twin attack which killed 18 people, including the two female bombers.

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