

Mahathir in Sweden on working visit

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left for London on Saturday en route to Sweden for a three-day working visit from today.

Mahathir, accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali and a government and private sector team, left from KL International Airport (KLIA) late Saturday, reports Bernama.

The visit, at the invitation of Swedish Prime Minister Goeran Persson, is expected to strengthen bilateral ties and cooperation through bilateral talks.

Mahathir is also expected to be granted an audience by Sweden's monarch King Carl Gustaf.

He is scheduled to visit the Karolinska Medical Institute and the Ericsson complex in Kista in addition to meeting Swedish industry leaders and attending a dinner organised by finance company Investor AB.

This is the prime minister's second visit to Sweden, the first being in 1985.

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