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NAM: DR MAHATHIR MEETS KHATAMI, OTHER LEADERS AT NAM SUMMIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 25 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad held talks with leaders and ministers, including Iranian President Sayyed Mohammad Khatami, on the final day of the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit here today.

Dr Mahathir, the chairman of NAM for the next three years, kicked off the series of bilateral talks with Somali President Abdikassim Salad Hassan followed by Djibouti's President Ismail Omar Guelleh, President Festus Gontebanye Mogae of Botswana, President Levy Patrick Mwanawasa of Zambia, Cuban President Fidel Castro and Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Abdulla Khalifa Al-Thani.

Others who did not miss the opportunity to exchange views with the Malaysian leader were Guinean Prime Minister Lamine Sidime and his counterpart from Mongolia, Nambaryn Enkhbayar.

The next round of talks involved President Amadou Toumani of Mali, Personal Envoy of the Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jabar Al-Sabah, Sudanese Vice-President Ali Othman Mohammed Taha and Mauritius Prime Minister Sir Anerood Jugnauth.

Others were the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Supreme Council and Ruler of Fujeirah Sheikh Hamad Mohammed Al-Sharqi, Peruvian Foreign Minister Allan Wagner Tizon, Chief of Staff to the United Nations Secretary-General Iqbal Reza, Namibian President Dr Samuel Danial Nujoma and Gabon's President El Hadj Omar Bongo.

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