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BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY TO MAKE ONE-DAY VISIT TO M'SIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 8 (Bernama) -- British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Jack Straw arrives here on Friday for a one-day official visit.

It will be Straw's first visit to Malaysia since becoming foreign secretary in June 2001, the British high commission said in a statement issued here today.

Straw is scheduled to call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

He is also scheduled to hold discussions with his Malaysian counterpart, Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, on bilateral and international issues including the war against terrorism.

British high commissioner to Malaysia Bruce Cleghorn said: "At a time the world faces many troubling issues, Mr Straw's visit demonstrates the importance the British government places on consultation with Malaysia, both as a leading Islamic country and as the future Chair of the NAM (Non-Aligned Movement) and the OIC (Organization of Islamic Conference)."

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