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Mahathir-Dinner

DR MAHATHIR HOSTS DINNER FOR CROWN PRINCE ABDULLAH

PUTRAJAYA, Oct 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad hosted a dinner in honour of Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah Abdul Aziz al saud at Sri Perdana here tonight.

The Crown Prince, who is the Deputy Prime Minister and Commander of the National Guard of Saudi Arabia, arrived here today for a two-day official visit to Malaysia.

The visit, at the invitation of Dr Mahathir, is the first by the Crown Prince.

He is leading the kingdom's delegation to the 10th Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Summit.

Dr Mahathir and Crown Prince Abdullah also held a 30-minute meeting before the dinner.

Present during the meeting were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin, Malaysian ambassador to Saudi Arabia Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad and Religious Advisor to the Prime Minister Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Othman and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal were also present.

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