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DR MAHATHIR ON THREE-DAY VISIT TO SWEDEN

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will make a three-day official visit to Sweden beginning Monday.

The visit, at the invitation of Swedish Prime Minister Goran Persson, reflects the close bonds of friendship between the two countries.

The visit is expected to further enhance and strengthen Malaysia's bilateral relations and cooperation with Sweden, Wisma Putra said in a statement here today.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to hold bilateral talks with his Swedish counterpart on matters of mutual interest and also have an audience with Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf.

He will also visit the Karolinska Medical Institute and Ericsson Complex at Kista.

Dr Mahathir will also be meeting Swedish captains of industry and attend a dinner hosted by Investor AB.

The Prime Minister will be accompanied by several ministers, senior government officials and members of the private sector as well as the media.

This is the Prime Minister's second visit to Sweden. His first trip to Sweden was in 1985.

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