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DR MAHATHIR TO MEET PRESIDENT MEGAWATI IN KUCHING ON THURSDAY

KUCHING, Aug 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to meet Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri for bilateral talks here on Thursday.

The Sarawak Information Department said today that Dr Mahathir and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali are scheduled to arrive here from Kuala Lumpur at 9.30 am that day while President Megawati is scheduled to arrive here from Jakarta at 12.10 pm.

Later, the Prime Minister is scheduled to call on President Megawati at the Kuching Hilton before the Malaysian and Indonesian delegations proceed to the bilateral meeting to be held at the same venue, it said in a statement here.

Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to host a state banquet for President Megawati and her entourage at the banquet hall of the State Assembly Complex in Petra Jaya here in the evening.

Meanwhile, Dr Siti Hasmah is scheduled to receive an honorary doctorate from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) in Kota Samarahan here.

The Indonesian delegation is scheduled to depart 9 am for Jakarta the following day. Dr Mahathir and Dri Siti Hasmah are scheduled to depart for Kuala Lumpur shortly after.

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