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FIRST LADIES SPEND TWO HOURS AT "DR MAHATHIR PHOTO" EXHIBITION

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 17 (Bernama) -- Spouses of heads of state and government of Islamic countries today spent about two hours visiting the "One Thousand Faces of Dr Mahathir: A Tribute to a Statesman" photo exhibition at the National Art Gallery here.

The First Ladies including those from Algeria, Turkey and Sudan were accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Culture Arts and Tourism Minister's wife Datin Paduka Suraya Mohd Noah.

Some 1,000 photographs of Dr Mahathir taken in the course of the 22 years he has been Prime Minister was opened by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail on Oct 6. Dr Mahathir retires on Oct 31.

The First Ladies and wives of other delegates now in Malaysia for the 10th Organisation of the Islamic Conference summit also watched a fashion show -- "Art to Wear" showcasing Muslim women's dress.

The clothes were designed by Radzuan Radziwill, Salikin Sidik, Asliza Aris, Noraini Sharif, Melorwati Darus, Sharifah Kirana and students from the Art and Design Faculty of Universiti Teknologi Mara.

More than 15,000 people had so far visited the exhibition organised by Bernama, local newspapers and TV stations.

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