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NAM SUMMIT ENTERS SECOND AND FINAL DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 25 (Bernama) -- The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Leaders' Summit entered its second and final day today, with the continuation of general debate.

Chaired by Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the session began with the speech by President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe.

Seventy-one NAM speakers representing their countries would speak at today's meeting which is expected to stretch into late evening.

Among those scheduled to speak today are North Korean leader Kim Yong Nam, Cuban President Fidel Castro and Timor Leste President Xanana Gusmao.

Timor Leste and St Vincent and the Grenadines were the new additions to NAM, bringing its total membership to 116.

Later in the day, the movement's leaders and heads of delegation are expected to endorse and adopt the Final Document, Kuala Lumpur Declaration and separate statements on Iraq and Palestine.

The document will focus on the movement's position on various issues while the declaration will be centred on the revitalisation of the movement.

The statements will reflect the movement's stand on the Iraqi and Palestinian conflicts.

A total of 63 heads of state and government are attending the two-day summit themed "Continuing the Revitalisation of NAM."

NAM groups developing nations from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and Caribbean regions. It is the second largest grouping after the United Nations.

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