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NAM: DR MAHATHIR HOSTS DINNER FOR NAM LEADERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 24 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad hosted a dinner for heads of government, state and delegation attending the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit.

Present were South African President Thabo Mbeki, who is former chairman of the movement, as well as Cuban President Fidel Castro, who will assume the chairmanship after Malaysia's three-year term ends in three years.

Also present were the Prime Minister's wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali and the leaders' spouses.

The leaders arrived at the Palace of the Golden Horses Hotel where the dinner was held amid tight security.

Earlier in the day, Dr Mahathir, who is NAM's new chairman, chaired the leaders' meeting.

The summit ends tomorrow with the issuance of the Final Document on issues affecting member countries and the KL Declaration which would spell out the revitalisation strategies of the 116-member movement.

A statement on Iraq and another on Palestine would also be issued at the end of the triennial summit.

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