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PM WITNESSES NAM DINNER REHEARSAL

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 17 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight witnessed a dress rehearsal for a dinner to be held for heads of government and state in conjunction with the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit at the Palace of the Golden Horses Hotel in Seri Kembangan, near here.

The Prime Minister and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali arrived at about 8pm and were received by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and his wife.

Dr Mahathir took up position at the entrance to the banquet hall, as if to receive delegates arriving for the dinner.

The Prime Minister and his wife then entered the hall to witness the rehearsal.

The dinner will be held on Feb 24, the opening day of the Summit.

This morning, Dr Mahathir and his wife also witnessed a rehearsal for the opening of the Summit at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here.

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