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PM RETURNS FROM VISITS TO LEBANON, EGYPT AND SWITZERLAND

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad returned home today after a weeklong visit to Lebanon, Egypt and Davos in Switzerland where he attended the World Economic Forum (WEF).

The Royal Malaysian Air Force executive jet carrying Dr Mahathir and wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, touched down at the RMAF base in Subang at 9.40am.

During his visit to Lebanon and Egypt, Dr Mahathir held high-level talks with the countries' leaders.

While in Beirut, he had discussions with his Lebanese counterpart, Rafic Hariri, in which they exchanged views on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest.

In the Egyptian capital of Cairo, Dr Mahathir met President Hosni Mubarak and Prime Minister Dr Atef Muhammad Muhammad Ebeid to discuss a similar agenda.

The prime minister also met with the Grand Sheikh of Al-Azhar University, Dr Mohamed Sayed Tantawi.

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