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SYED HAMID: SULTAN HASSANAL BOLKIAH CONFIRMS ATTEND OIC SUMMIT

PUTRAJAYA, Aug 22 (Bernama) -- The Sultan of Brunei, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, has confirmed that he will attend the 10th session of the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) Summit here from Oct 11 to Oct 18.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said the Sultan informed the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, that he would attend when both leaders met at the Prime Minister's Office today.

"The Sultan also indicated that he will attend the Langkawi International Maritime Exhibition (LIMA) in Langkawi (in September) and the Asean summit in Bali (in October)," he said.

Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah arrived yesterday for a four-day working visit in conjunction with the one-to-one annual consultation with Dr Mahathir.

He is accompanied by an 11-member delegation of senior officials, headed by its Permanent Secretary, Pehin Datuk Yahya Mudim Bakar.

Syed Hamid said during today's meeting, both leaders discussed economic cooperation and a host of bilateral and other issues affecting both countries.

According to latest figures, compiled by International Trade and Industry Ministry (MITI), the Malaysia-Brunei bilateral trade for the period January to May this year stood at RM484.8 million.

Of this total, Malaysian exports to Brunei stood at RM479.1 million as opposed to imports at RM5.7 million.

For the whole of last year, total trade between both countries stood at RM992.2 million.

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