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LID-Dr Mahathir  
DR M MEETS AFRICAN LEADERS ATTENDING LID 2004

LANGKAWI, July 28 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today met leaders of African countries who are here for the Langkawi International Dialogue (LID) which begins tomorrow.

He met Lesotho Prime Minister Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili and Mozambique President Joaquim Alberto Chissano at Pelangi Beach Resort, venue of the three-day dialogue.

Tonight, he met several current and former African leaders over dinner at Telaga Harbour Park in Teluk Burau, a new growth area on this island built along Mediterranean style which has an area for yachts to berth.

Among them are the King of Swaziland, Mswati III, Ugandan Vice-President Prof Gilbert Balibaseka Buleya, former Vice-President of Malawi Justin Malewezezi and former President of Botswana Sir Ketumile Masire.

Also present were Dr Jamaludin and national mariner Datuk Azhar Mansor.

Dr Mahathir was also briefed by Sunan Mahmud, Chairman of Alor Star-based Sunan Architect, on a project concept for future development of Langkawi.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir and his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, were greeted at the Langkawi International Airport in Padang Matsirat by Dr Jamaludin, Langkawi MP Datuk Abu Bakar Taib, State Executive Councillor for Culture, Arts and Tourism Nawawi Ahmad and Langkawi Development Authority (Lada) General Manager Datuk Anuar Abdul Rahman.

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