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Megawati hopes to meet Dr M at summit

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri hopes to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the sidelines of the 13rd Non-Aligned Movement Summit.

Indonesian embassy charge d'affaires Suherman Ubon said Megawati had confirmed meetings with the leaders of a few other countries, and was now waiting for confirmation from Malaysia.

Megawati would attend the summit from Feb 23 to 25, Suherman told reporters at a Hari Raya Aidiladha open house at the Indonesian embassy today.

A delegation of 90 people will accompany Megawati, including a few Ministers, he added.

Among the issues Indonesia hoped to raise at the summit are the Iraq issue and ways to raise the stature of NAM.

"We are as interested as Malaysia in seeing that NAM becomes a more active organisation," Suherman said.

About 1,000 Indonesian nationals attended the open house, which Suherman hosted as the Indonesian ambassador to Malaysia is currently performing the haj.