

Ex-PM has date with Shah Rukh on Xmas day
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When former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrives in Mumbai on Christmas Eve, he will be a special guest of Bollywood heartthrob Shah Rukh Khan.

Mahathir and his wife Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, both on a private visit to India, will be arriving in the Indian financial capital today, where the famous actor will play host to the elder statesman.

"When he heard I was coming to India, he said I must go to Bombay (Mumbai).

"Well, he is more a friend than fan. I have known him for quite some time. His last movie I watched was 'My Name is Khan'," said Mahathir.

Shah Rukh is expected to host a special high tea for the couple at his Mumbai residence on Christmas Day.

During his two-day visit to Mumbai, Mahathir is slated to visit the Yash Raj Film Studio, India's premier film studio.

Dr M to visit Kerala as well

Mahathir is the second luminary to meet Shah Rukh in less than a week, after Russian President Dmitry Medvedev met the actor in Mumbai last Wednesday.

Medvedev was on an official visit to India last week.

Malaysian Consul-General in Mumbai Wan Zaidi Wan Abdullah will also host a special dinner for the visiting dignitaries.

Mahathir will conclude his Indian tour with a visit to Kerala after Mumbai.

On Thursday, he met Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in Delhi.

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