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KUCHING, AUG 20 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AND DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH FLEW IN TO A RED CARPET WELCOME HERE FOR AN OFFICIAL FIVE-DAY VISIT OF SARAWAK.

THEY WERE GREETED ON ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT BY CHIEF MINISTER DATUK PATINGGI HAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD AND DATIN PATINGGI HAJAH LAILA AS WELL AS A CROWD OF 5,000 FROM THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE.

ALSO PRESENT WERE STATE CABINET MINISTERS, STATE DIGNITARIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT HEADS.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE WERE ACCORDED A TRADITIONAL WELCOME ACCORDING TO THE CULTURES OF THE COMMUNITIES.

THEY WERE LATER TAKEN TO THE ISTANA IN A PROTON SAGA CAR DRIVEN BY THE CHIEF MINISTER TO CALL ON YANG DIPERTUA NEGERI DATUK PATINGGI HAJI AHMAD ZAIDI ADDRUCE MOHAMED NOOR. -- MORE  
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THE TWO PROTON SAGAS ON A NATIONWIDE PROMOTIONAL TOUR ARRIVED HERE THIS MORNING.

THIS EVENING DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR OPENS THE HOLIDAY INN EXTENSION BUILDING BEFORE VISITING THE SARAWAK MUSEUM.

TONIGHT HE ATTENDS A DINNER AT THE HOLIDAY INN. -- BERNAMA  
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