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LABUAN, Oct 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister D'atuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad took time off from a visit to Brunei Darussalam, to fly to Labuan this morning for an inspection tour of development projects in the federal territory.

He had a look at work to develop the Batu Manickar resort hotel, which is scheduled to begin operation in December with 200 rooms initially.

He also visited the site of the Labuan Square where the \$2-million work under the first phase is nearing completion. The second phase of the project, estimated to cost \$5 million, is expected to begin early next year.

The square will have a ground for ceremonial functions, a stage and a pavilion.

Dr Mahathir was also briefed on other development projects by the island's Director of Administration; Abdul Rahman Haji Ali. -- more

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Among these are the \$120-million marina to be built near the proposed financial park. This project, to be developed along the sea front, will have hotel rooms, apartments and business facilities mainly to cater for the expatriate community.

Work on the Faber Group's 200-room hotel is also expected to begin this year.

Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied on the Labuan trip by Tun Daim Zainuddin who heads the Labuan Development Authority, is scheduled to return to Kuala Lumpur this evening.

The Prime Minister was in Brunei to attend the 25th anniversary celebrations of the ascension to the throne of Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei. -- Bernama/AG

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