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PM TO LAUNCH SABAH HARVEST FESTIVAL

KOTA KINABALU, May 21, (Bernama) -- Prime Minister ⁹³ Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch the "Pesta Kaamatan" (harvest festival) in Luyang near here during his one-day visit to the state on May 30.

More than 5,000 people are expected to gather at the Foo Chow Hall there to witness the ceremony which Sabah Umno plans to organise annually.

Chairman of the Sabah Umno Special Task Committee for the Kadazan, Dusun and Murut, Datuk Kasitah Gadam, said the celebrations would begin at 8 am but the launching ceremony was scheduled for 1 pm.

The highlight of the celebrations would be the crowning of the "Unduk Ngadau" (beauty contest) queen by the wife of the prime minister, Datuk Seri Datin Paduka Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, said Kasitah, who is also head of the Kinabalu Umno Division.

He told a news conference that VIPs who had confirmed their attendance included Minister for Sabah Affairs Tun Datu Haji Mustapha Datu Harun, Land and Cooperative Development Minister Tan Sri Sakaran Dandai, Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, Deputy Information Minister Datuk Railey Haji Jeffrey and Deputy Minister of Local Government and Housing Osu Haji Sukam.

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Kasitah said invitations would be extended to the leaders of the Sabah government to attend the celebrations.

The "Pesta Kaamatan" is a celebration of the Dusun and Kadazan community to mark the end of one padi season and the beginning of a new one. Of late, it has become a celebration on May 30 and 31 for everyone in the state.

Dr Mahathir will launch the festival after officiating the second congress of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) at the Kian Kok Secondary School hall in Jalan Tuaran here.

The LDP is a component of the Sabah Barisan Nasional along with Umno, Angkatan Keadilan Rakyat (Akar) and the MCA. The prime minister had officiated the party's inaugural congress last year.

Dr Mahathir will also attend a dinner with the people at Mustapha's residence in Tanjung Aru here. Mustapha is the Sabah Umno deputy liaison chief.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah will return to Kuala Lumpur the following day. -- Bernama

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