

RM: More Langkawi land to be reclaimed

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PULAU LANGKAWI:
More seafront areas here
will be reclaimed to sus-
tain the island's rapid
pace of development.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir
Mohamad said yesterday
it appeared that landown-
ers were not so agreeable
to having their land ac-
quired for development
purposes.

"So we have little
choice but to reclaim
more land," the Prime
Minister told newsmen af-
ter opening the RM28 mil-
lion district police head-
quarters at Jalan Kisap.

He also spoke of his
hope to make the island
one of the most peaceful
spots in the world.

"Tourists travelling
here must not have the
slightest fear for their
safety," he added.

On the move to reclaim
land for development, he
said a large stretch of the
seafront in Kuah had al-
ready been reclaimed
where a multi-phase com-
mercial project has been
half completed.

Another 1,000ha in Kua-
la Muda would be re-
claimed for a proposed
marina and lagoon devel-
opment project.

The Prime Minister,
who arrived here on Sun-

day to inspect develop-
ment projects, said he
was satisfied with the on-
going progress of the
tourist island.

He said preparations
for the Langkawi Interna-
tional Maritime and Aero-
space Exhibition
(Lima'93) in December
was keeping to schedule.

He added that Lima'93
would be a much larger
showpiece than the inau-
gural one in 1991.

So far, 28 countries
have confirmed participa-
tion with 64 various types
of aircraft.

Dr Mahathir said Ma-
laysia would host a cock-
tail at the Paris Air Show
later this month to pro-
mote Lima '93.

Dr Mahathir said soil
tests had begun at the air-
port here for the exten-
sion of the runway to ac-
commodate the Boeing
747 aircraft.