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Mahathir-Proton

PROTON TO PRODUCE STRETCH VERSION

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 16 (Bernama) -- ⁹³ Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Perusahaan Otomobil Nasional Berhad (Proton) will produce the stretch versions of the Proton car for the domestic market.

The prime minister said the company would add another six inches to the Proton Executive and between 36 inches and 46 inches to the Proton Limousine.

Speaking to reporters after witnessing the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Proton and Diversified Resources Berhad (DRB) here, he said such effort was taken to increase the number of models available.

"We are quite confident we can do this thing as Proton has the capability to design new models as in the case of the Proton Iswara and Proton Wira."

On the plan to assemble Proton cars in other countries, he said the matter was still being considered to enable the national car to be more competitive, especially in countries that had different taxes on completely knocked-down (CKD) and completely built-up (CBU) cars. -- more

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Dr Mahathir also said the hatchback version to be produced by DRB-Proton, which would be in the market next year, would enjoy the preferential treatment enjoyed by other Proton models.

Asked about plans to produce commercial vehicles, the prime minister said it would not involve Proton.

"Another company probably will go into production of the commercial vehicles," he added. -- Bernama

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