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BOSNIAN MOSQUE FUND TO BE LAUNCHED ON FRIDAY

MELAKA, April 25 (Bernama) -- The Bosnia Mosque Fund proposed by the Melaka government is expected to receive a RM500,000 contribution at its launch on Friday.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Zin Abdul Ghani said today the contribution was collected from several state government agencies and subsidiaries.

The fund, which hoped to net RM1 million, would be launched in conjunction with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's visit to the state, he told reporters after inspecting the places Dr Mahathir is scheduled to visit on Thursday and Friday.

The fund was set up as a gift from Melaka for the construction of a mosque in war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The mosque would be constructed based on the design of Melaka's Al Azim Mosque and funded by the state government as well donations from the corporate sector and the public.

"If the contribution exceeds RM1 million, the government will consider building another mosque there," Zin said.

On Thursday, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to launch the Pulau Melaka project, the first development project in the state using reclaimed land on the island for the construction of commercial complexes, houses, marina and resorts.

He will then open the Melaka campus of Institut Teknologi Mara in Lendu, near Alor Gajah, before launching the state-level Gerak Mesra Programme at Bukit Sedanan, Jasin.

A dinner would be held in his honour in the evening at the Chief Minister's residence.

The prime minister's itinerary for the following day will begin with the ground-breaking ceremony for the World Youth Foundation Building in Air Keroh and the launch of the Malaysian 4B Flying Club at Batu Berendam Airport.

Before returning to Kuala Lumpur, Dr Mahathir will perform Friday prayers at the Al Azim Mosque. He is accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali on the visit. -- BERNAMA

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