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DR MAHATHIR AND WIFE VISIT DANUM VALLEY

LEMBAH DANUM (LAHAD DATU), Aug 31 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali this afternoon visited the Danum Valley natural park.

Dr Mahathir, who arrived from Kota Kinabalu after attending the Independence Day celebrations this morning, spent almost three hours looking at the forest conservation at the valley, situated 80km west of Lahat Datu.

The Prime Minister and his delegation flew in a special Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) Falcon Jet to Lahad Datu and later boarded a RMAF Nuri helicopter to the Danum Valley Field Centre.

He was greeted on arrival by the Sabah Foundation Chief Executive Datuk Musa Haji Aman. Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee also accompanied the Prime Minister during the visit.

Dr Mahathir was given a briefing by the Sabah Foundation Group Corporate Advisor, Tengku Datuk Dr Zainal Abidin Mahmood on efforts by the Danum Valley Marine Centre in the conservation of the valley.

The Prime Minister and his delegation will put up the night at the valley before continuing his tour tomorrow morning. He will return to Kuala Lumpur in the afternoon. -- BERNAMA

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