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DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN MELAKA FOR TWO-DAY VISIT

MELAKA, May 2 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here this morning to begin a two-day working visit to the state.

The Prime Minister and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, who arrived by car, were received by Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Zin Abdul Ghani and wife Datin Seri Fatimah Samdin at the Ayer Keroh toll plaza.

Also present were state executive councillors and senior state government officials.

Dr Mahathir proceeded to Bandar Hilir to launch the Pulau Melaka land reclamation and development project, the first itinerary of his visit.

From Bandar Hilir, he would go to Lendu, near Alor Gajah, to open the Melaka branch of the Institut Teknologi Mara (ITM).

In the afternoon, the Prime Minister would launch the state-level "Gerak Mesra" programme at Felcra Bukit Sedanan in Jasin.

Tonight, he would attend "Malam Mesra Perdana" at Seri Bendahara, the official residence of the Chief Minister.

Tomorrow, Dr Mahathir would perform the ground-breaking ceremony for the World Youth Foundation building in Ayer Keroh in the morning before opening the 4B Youth Movement's flying club at the Batu Berendam Airport.

Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to receive a cheque for RM500,000 for the Bosnian Mosque Fund initiated by the state government.

The state government aimed to raise RM1 million to finance the reconstruction of a mosque in Bosnia-Herzegovina. -- BERNAMA

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