

11 APR 1996

DR MAHATHIR ATTENDS STATE DINNER

KANGAR, April 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight attended a state dinner at the Komplek Warisan here in conjunction with his two-day visit to Perlis beginning today.

Also at the dinner were Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim and Perlis UMNO liaison committee chairman Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Pawanteh.

During the dinner Dr Mahathir received donations totalling RM110,000 for the Bosnia Fund (Tabung Bosnia). Of the amount RM50,000 was donated by the Perlis Government while the remainder by three companies.

Dr Mahathir, who is UNNO president, later attended a closed-door meeting with the Perlis liaison committee members at a leading hotel here.

Earlier today the Prime Minister launched the state level Gerak Mesra programme and visited the proposed site for an airstrip at Padang Pauh here.

Tomorrow the Prime Minister will have a tight schedule. In the morning he will preside at the ground breaking ceremony for an industrial park in Sungai Cucuh Tinggi before opening the Customs, Immigration and LKIM (Fisheries Development Authority of Malaysia) Integrated Complex at Padang Besar.

Later he will tour the Gua Kelam and Wang Kelian recreational parks and perform Friday prayers at Masjid Syed Alwi here.

In the afternoon, he will preside at the ground breaking ceremony for a joint venture factory involving a Malaysian concern and a Bosnian company.

He will visit the Pusat Giat Mara in Jejawi before returning to Kuala Lumpur later in the evening. -- BERNAMA

MFJ AAM