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DR MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR KUALA LUMPUR

TAWAU, Sept 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who ended a three-day visit to Labuan and Sabah today, left for Kuala Lumpur in an executive jet from Tawau Airport here.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir and wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali who arrived here from Lembah Danum, had lunch with Tawau Barisan nasional leaders hosted by Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Ghapur Salleh.

Also present at the lunch were Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee and wife, Datin Stella who accompanied the Prime Minister during the visit to Lembah Danum yesterday afternoon and this morning.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir was given a briefing by Sabah Foundation Group Corporate Advisor, Tengku Datuk Zainal Adlin on measures taken by Danum Valley Field Centre (DVFC) to conserve the valley.

Earlier he had taken a walk in the Lembah Danum natural forest including a walk on the canopy bridge, fishing and watching wild animals at night at the Borneo Rainforest Lodge.

This morning, he had a walk around the DVFC and planted a teak tree while Dr Siti Hasmah planted a "sukun" tree. -- BERNAMA

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