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DR MAHATHIR TO LAUNCH MELAKA GERAK MESRA PROGRAMME

MELAKA, April 30 (Bernama) -- More than 10,000 people are expected to attend the state-level launch of the Gerak Mesra programme by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Jasin, near here, on Thursday.

This is the third launch, after Kedah on March 18 and Perlis on April 11.

Besides the local residents, political party members, government servants, students and representatives of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the private sector will be attending the launch at 3pm at the Bukit Sedanan Felcra field, Jasin.

A state Information Department said today an exhibition by several government departments and agencies would be held in conjunction with the launch.

The launch is part of a two-day visit by the prime minister and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, to Melaka beginning Thursday.

After his arrival, Dr Mahathir will launch the Pulau Melaka development project by Larut Consolidated in Bandar Hilir which comprises the construction of a commercial complex, houses, marina and resort on reclaimed land.

He will open the Melaka campus of Institut Teknologi Mara in Lendu, near Alor Gajah and have lunch at the institute before launching the Gerak Mesra programme. A dinner will be held at Seri Bendahara in the evening.

On Friday, Dr Mahathir's itinerary begins with the groundbreaking ceremony for the World Youth Foundation (WYF) Building in Air Keroh followed by the launch of the Malaysia 4B Flying Club at Batu Berendam Airport.

After performing Friday prayers at the Al Adzim mosque and having lunch with the congregation he is scheduled to receive a RM500,000 cheque in contributions from the Melaka government agencies and subsidiaries for the Bosnian Mosque Fund set up by the state government.

The fund is to raise RM1 million for the construction of a mosque in Bosnia Herzegovina.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah are scheduled to leave for Kuala Lumpur from Batu Berendam Airport at about 3pm the same day. -- BERNAMA

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