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Mahathir-Arrival

MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN KOTA KINABALU

KOTA KINABALU, Aug 30 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today to attend the 39th National Day celebrations at the Likas Sports Complex tomorrow.

Dr Mahathir and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, who flew in from Labuan, were received by Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee, Land and Cooperative Development Minister Datuk Osu Sukam, state cabinet ministers, state secretary Datuk Khalil Datu Jamalul and Barisan Nasional component party leaders.

Dr Mahathir boarded a helicopter to Dalit beach in Tuaran, about 40km from here, to open the Rasa Ria Resort, a luxury holiday resort costing US\$16 million (about RM40 million).

The 331-room resort, about 40 minutes drive from here, is located on a 161.8-hectare site.

Among the attractions in the resort are recreational facilities, 18-hole golf course, and a clean beach.

From Tuaran, Dr Mahathir will join the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar to perform Friday prayers at the State Mosque in Sembulan.

In the evening, the Prime Minister will launch the "Malaysia Boleh, Sabah Boleh" campaign aimed at instilling self-confidence among the people at the multi-purpose hall in Likas Sports Complex.

Dr Mahathir will once again join the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong and Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Sakaran Dandai at the state banquet in the State Assembly building tonight.

The Prime Minister is also scheduled to visit and spend the night at Danum Valley, a forest research centre, near Lahad Datu, after attending the National Day celebrations.

He will return to Kuala Lumpur on Sunday. -- BERNAMA

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