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PM WILL WITNESS LAUNCHING OF MEASAT II IN KOUROU

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PARIS, Nov 11 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will witness the launching of Measat II in Kourou on Thursday (Malaysian time) although French authorities had advised him to cancel the trip due to a major strike expected to take place in Cayenne, the capital city of French Guiana.

This was confirmed by an Arianespace official here after a discussion with the Malaysian Foreign Ministry.

The Malaysian media group covering the event had left for Kourou today after postponing their trip earlier.

Yesterday, Arianespace chief operating officer Francis Avansi said the French government had advised the Prime Minister to witness the launch from Paris following unrest by students and workers in Cayenne on Saturday over poor conditions in schools.

The French said this was to avoid any discomfort or inconveniences in the event of any electricity interruption.

The French government had also earlier advised the Malaysian media against flying to Kourou. -- BERNAMA

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