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PRIME MINISTER IN JB

JOHOR BAHRU, July 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today to launch several development projects in the state.

The Prime Minister accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali was received by Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman and other dignitaries at the Sultan Ismail Airport in Senai.

Also to greet the Prime Minister were Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry Datuk Hishamuddin Tun Hussein.

Dr Mahathir and his wife then left for the official residence of Johor Menteri Besar, Saujana, for a tea party and tonight he would attend a dinner at the same venue together with some 4,000 members of Barisan Nasional component parties.

Tomorrow, the Prime Minister and Umno Presidnet would hold a meeting with the Johor Umno Liaison Committee as well as Johor Wanita Umno and Umno Youth representatives at a hotel here.

Later he would attend a briefing at the Bilik Tayangan Tun Hussein Onn at Bukit Timbalan. The briefing will be on the Johor Baharu City Urban Renewal Programme, Kota Raya II project, development of Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTM) Berhad reserve land, development of the second link and Bandar Nusajaya, Gelang Patah.

Dr Mahathir would lay the foundation stone and launch the piling works for the RM6 billion "JB Waterfront City" at the Tebrau Straits being developed by the Johor Coastal Development Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Syarikat Pilecon Engineering Bhd.

The Prime Minister would travel by helicopter to inspect development of the second link bridge and the second port at Gelang Patah.

He would attend the solat Jumaat at the Masjid Jamek Tampok, Pontian, and join the people for lunch in the mosque ground.

Dr Mahathir would then leave for Parit Betak, where he would launch the Johor kampung roads upgrading programme which would be implemented by Kumpulan Prasarana Rakyat Johor (KPRJ), a subsidiary of the Johor Government.

From there Dr Mahathir would cycle for about a kilometre along Jalan Parit Betak and then drive to Sekolah Menengah Parit Betak for launching the state level Gerak Mesra Programme. -- BERNAMA

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