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PRIME MINISTER IN PERLIS FOR TWO-DAY VISIT

KUALA PERLIS, April 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, arrived here today for a two-day visit to Perlis.

They arrived on board the passenger ferry, Lada Empat, from Langkawi at about 3pm at the Kuala Perlis Jetty and were received by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim, his wife Datin Seri Shamsiah Mohd Yassin, Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat and other senior officials.

Dr Mahathir later inspected a model of the "Bat Boat" and was briefed on the speedboat by the Managing Director of Perlis Marine Engineering Sdn Bhd, Azraei Ibrahim.

According to Azraei, the the 390hp five-seater has a maximum speed of 70 knots and was brought from Sweden as a model for his shipbuilding company.

He said the boat costing more than RM200,000 was suitable for the marine and customs departments.

The boat resembling the one seen in the Batman film had won several international awards and hence was chosen as the model by the shipbuilding company, Azraei said.

The Prime Minister and his wife then left in a mortorcade led by motorcyclists from Barisan Nasional parties for Dewan Warisan Negeri to launch the state level Gerak MESRA campaign. -- BERNAMA

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