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Dr M on two-day Sarawak visit from Monday

KUCHING, Wed. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to make a two-day visit to Sarawak starting Monday.

A traditional red carpet welcome will await him at the Miri airport before he is driven to the Miri Dewan Suarah to perform two ground-breaking ceremonies.

One is for the tourism project known as "Miri City Fan" and the other for the Miri Library.

After lunch at the Holiday Inn Miri, Dr Mahathir will fly to Kuching and tour the Demak Laut Industrial Park (formerly known as Sejingkat) at about 2.30pm.

His first day ends with a State dinner at the State Legislative Assembly in Petra Jaya.

On the second day, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to declare open a RM900,000 arch at Kampung Jaya Bakti, Matang, a relatively isolated area comprising several Malay villages about 30km from the city centre.

Work on the arch started on June 24 and the project supervisor, Public Works Department, and a local contractor are working round-the-clock to get the concrete structure completed for the big day.

The proposed arch carries an inscription "1957 Jubli Delima Malaysia 1997" and both sides of the arch will have a bronze bas-relief portrait of the late Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra and Dr Mahathir.

The unveiling of the arch is scheduled for 10am. Dr Mahathir will be driven to the Kubah National Park, about 7km away, for a closed door meeting with tourism officials.

He will fly back to the Federal capital after lunch.

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