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DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES FOR ONE DAY WORKING VISIT TO KELANTAN

KOTA BAHARU, April 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here this morning for a one day working visit to Kelantan.

The RMAF aircraft, carrying Dr Mahathir and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, touched down at the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport at 9am.

Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat and other state leaders were among 3,000 people present at the airport to welcome Dr Mahathir.

Others included Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders and heads of government departments.

Soon on arrival, Dr Mahathir was presented with a special souvenir from the people of Kelantan for his outstanding leadership in being bestowed the King Faisal International Award by Saudi Arabia recently. The souvenir was handed over by four community leaders.

The Prime Minister is scheduled to open a textile factory belonging to Koperasi Usaha Bersatu (KUB) Tekstil at Pengkalan Chepa, near here, after arrival.

Dr Mahathir will also witness the signing of a joint venture agreement between KUB Malaysia Berhad and the state government for the development of a petrochemical complex at Pantai Senok. The signing ceremony will be held at the textile factory.

At 10.30am, the Prime Minister will open the Ain Medicare factory, also in Pengkalan Chepa.

In the afternoon, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to address state and federal officers, corporate figures and community leaders. This will be followed with a dialogue session at Dewan Sri Pendekar, Wadi Sofia, Binjai near here at 3pm

Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to seek an audience with Sultan and Raja Perempuan of Kelantan at 5pm at the Istana Mahkota here, before returning to Kuala Lumpur at 6.30pm. -- BERNAMA

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