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DR MAHATHIR TO SPEND THE NIGHT AT KUALA TAHAN NATIONAL PARK

JERANTUT, March 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah will spend the night at the Kuala Tahan National Park here.

They are here as part of their two-day visit to Pahang.

The Prime Minister and Dr Siti Hasmah were greeted by bunga manggar bearers and the people of Kampung Kuala Tahan.

Dr Mahathir later planted a "ficus benjamina" tree in front of the chalet where he will stay tonight with Dr Siti Hasmah.

Also in the national park are Pahang Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakub, several Cabinet Ministers including Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding and Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik.

Tonight the Prime Minister and Dr Siti Hasmah will attend a reception hosted by the government and people of Pahang.

Tomorrow Dr Mahathir will open a 450-metre "canopy walkway" in the National Park.

Earlier in PEKAN, Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah spared more than an hour inspecting facilities at Tasik Cini tourist spot.

They were briefed by the General Manager of the Pahang Tenggara Development Authority Mohd Yusoff.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah boarded a boat from the Sungai Cini jetty and toured the lake and took in the scenery around them.

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