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Mahathir-Visit

DR MAHATHIR VISITS PERLIS

KANGAR, March 15 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here this morning for a one day visit to Perlis.

Dr Mahathir and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali arrived at the Sultan Abdul Halim Airport, Alor Setar in neighbouring Kedah at 8.50am.

On hand to meet them were Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim and wife Datin Seri Shamsiah Md Yassin, Perlis State Executive Councillors and some 200 Umno Youth and Wanita Umno members. Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid and wife Datin Seri Nila Inangda Manjam Keumala were also present.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah were then taken in a motorcade to the Istana Arau, here where he will receive the Royal Excellent Award (Tuanku Raja Perlis) from the Raja of Perlis.

This will be followed by a development briefing at the state operations room here. Dr Mahathir will then proceed to Sungai Baru to witness the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by companies involved in several development projects in Perlis.

Meanwhile, Dr Siti Hasmah will have a separate programme where she will visit a welfare home in Jejawi and SRK Seri Indera and Sekolah Menengah Derma here before joining Dr Mahathir at a luncheon at Dewan Warisan Negeri.

In the afternoon, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to visit the border area before addressing a gathering at Padang Besar's Malaysian Fisheries Development Authorities (LKIM) complex. -- BERNAMA

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