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INDIAN STATE SETS ASIDE 400 ACRES FOR PROTON PLANT

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NEW DELHI, May 30 (Bernama) -- The government of India's Andhra Pradesh state has identified a 400-acre land for the proposed facility to assemble Proton cars on a joint venture with the Malaysian car maker.

A team from Proton is due in the South Indian state next month to inspect the site, the Financial Express newspaper reported today.

It said Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu agreed in principle to set up the production assembly during talks with Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Kuala Lumpur earlier this month.

The report said Proton was also looking for a cheaper base for auto components and spare parts manufacturing in Andhra Pradesh because of rising labour costs in Malaysia. -- BERNAMA

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