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MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN KELANTAN

KOTA BAHARU, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived at the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport in Pengkalan Chepa today.

Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, was greeted by Kelantan Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders led by State BN chairman Datuk Annuar Musa.

Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed and former Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah were also at the airport to receive the Prime Minister.

A total of 778 motorcycles and 43 Produa Kancil cars accompanied Dr Mahathir to Sekolah Menengah Cherang Ruku, Semerak where he will address a people's gathering, the first engagement of his one-day visit to the state.

Dr Mahathir's visit is also to celebrate the BN's win in the Semerak state by-election on Aug 11.

At the gathering, Dr Mahathir will receive the "Semerak Declaration" containing resolutions adopted at the Kelantan Umno Convention to wrest Kelantan from PAS in the next general election.

Dr Mahathir would also close the convention opened by Annuar yesterday before returning to Kuala Lumpur tonight. -- BERNAMA

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