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Mahathir-visit

MAHATHIR TO VISIT SABAH FROM SATURDAY

KOTA KINABALU, Aug 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will make a two-day visit to Sabah beginning Saturday where he will open the Sabah Umno Convention on Sunday.

According to the itinerary of the Prime Minister's visit issued by the Information Department here today, Dr Mahathir will also visit the Deramakot forest reserve in Sandakan, where a system of felling trees to minimise damage to land and plants is in use.

Accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to arrive in Sandakan from Kuala Lumpur at 1.30pm.

He will fly in a helicopter to the forest reserve at 2.15pm and will be there until 5pm before flying back to Sandakan for a dinner hosted by Sabah Barisan Nasional.

The next day, Dr Mahathir will fly here for the opening of the Umno convention at a hotel at 9am followed by a meeting with state BN leaders at 11am.

At 12.15pm, he is scheduled to open Promenade Hotel here before proceeding to Likas Sports Complex for the closing ceremony of the Premier Cup Badminton Championship 1997 at 2pm.

In the evening, Dr Mahathir will attend a dinner in conjunction with the championship at banquet hall of the State Legislative Assembly in Likas.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to depart for Kuching on Monday morning.

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