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OVER 1,000 TURN UP TO WELCOME DR MAHATHIR IN LANGKAWI

LANGKAWI, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was welcomed by over 1,000 people in a show of support for his leadership when he arrived at the Langkawi International Airport in Padang Matsirat for a one-day visit to the island.

Dr Mahathir, who arrived on board a special aircraft at 9.45am accompanied by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid, was welcomed by all the state executive councillors.

The people were carrying banners expressing support for him and opposition to any attempts to undermine the country's economy.

Dr Mahathir spoke for about 30 minutes on the attacks on the country's currency.

After the welcoming ceremony the prime minister visited the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre expansion project, the site for the aerospace display for the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition '97 to be held on Dec 2-7.

He is scheduled to visit the project site for the maritime exhibition in Tanjung Malai and several other projects including the Book Village in Lubok Semilang, near here, before returning to Kuala Lumpur in the afternoon. -- BERNAMA

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