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PM tours industrial project sites at Demak Laut

KUCHING, Mon. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad made a three-hour visit to two industrial project sites at the Demak Laut industrial zone, about 20km from here, this afternoon.

His first stop after flying from Miri about 3.30pm was a tour of a 1,200ha site of recently completed reclamation works for a low cost housing scheme and a new township.

Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied by Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, was given a first hand view of the sophisticated reclamation and soil improvement techniques used by marine engineering specialist Hock Seng Lee Berhad.

HSLB had recently won a turnkey contract for the land reclamation, infrastructure, and construction works for the proposed RM3 billion projects.

The Prime Minister was then taken on a tour of the proposed RM300 million Kuching deepwater port at Kampung Senari, which is also within the vicinity of Demak Laut (formerly known as Sejingkat).

He was briefed by HSLB on the ground consolidation techniques employed by the company.

The port, which belongs to the Kuching Port Authority, can accommodate vessels of up to 20,000 tonnes deadweight.

It is about 80 per cent complete and scheduled to be operational by late January next year.

Dr Mahathir later attended a dinner with community leaders at Dewan Santapan.

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