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Prime Minister and wife will be in Perlis tomorrow

KANGAR, Thurs. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali will make a day-long working visit to Perlis on Saturday.

Dr Mahathir will receive the Royal Excellent Award (Tuanku Raja Perlis) from the State Ruler at Istana Arau at 10am.

The award, given by the Tuanku Syed Putra Perlis Foundation once every five years, is being bestowed on the Prime Minister for his services to the country.

"The award reflects our high regard for Dr Mahathir," Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim, who is also foundation deputy chairman, said yesterday.

Dr Mahathir's entourage will then proceed to Sungai Baru to witness the signing of several memoranda of understanding concerning coastal development projects.

He will also inspect the Malaysia-Thai international border at Bukit Putih, 4km from Kuala Perlis.

Meanwhile, Dr Siti Hasmah will call on the Jejawi Social Welfare Home. She will be accompanied by Shahidan's wife, Datin Seri Shamsiah Mohamad Yassin.

After that, the couple will attend a luncheon at Kompleks Warisan in Kangar.

Dr Mahathir will then visit the Mata Air Forest Reserve.

He will proceed to the Malaysian Fisheries Development Authority Complex in Padang Besar to attend a gathering of State civil servants.

The Prime Minister will later head for the Kepala Batas Airport near Alor Star.

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