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Dr M to open PBB convention

KUCHING, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will arrive here for a two-day visit during which he is scheduled to open the annual delegates' convention of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) on Aug 28.

He is also scheduled to launch the RM150 million Sarawak River regulation scheme's barrage and shiplock at Sejingkat on Aug 27.

Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Communications Su'ud Suhaili said Dr Mahathir was expected to address the crowd at the convention and at the launching of the barrage and shiplock.

Su'ud, meanwhile, reminded shippers and shipping agents that the barrage and shiplock would be closed for passing river vessels and ships between 6am and 1pm on the launching day.

The barrage and shiplock, completed early this year, are hydraulically operated to maintain a constant river flow through Kuching, apart from enabling ships and river vessels to access the Sarawak River.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to visit the site of the State Library project at Petra Jaya and address a gathering at the State Indoor Stadium on Aug 27.

After opening the PBB convention, Dr Mahathir will chair a closed door State Barisan Nasional meeting on Aug 29 before returning home in the afternoon.

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