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DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN LABUAN FOR TWO-DAY VISIT

LABUAN, Aug 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has arrived at the air force base here for a two-day visit to the Federal Territory.

Accompanied by wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, the prime minister was received by Labuan Member of Parliament Abdul Mulok Awang Damit and federal heads of department on arrival at the base at 6.45 pm today.

Dr Mahathir will meet Labuan Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders over dinner tonight followed by a closed-door meeting with Labuan Umno leaders.

Dr Mahathir is chairman of the governing BN coalition and president of Umno.

Tomorrow he will inspect development projects on the island, including the new terminal building of the Labuan airport.

The prime minister departs for Kota Kinabalu later tomorrow to continue the visit to Sabah.

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