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DR MAHATHIR AT KLIA

SEPANG, July 19 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today made an unscheduled visit to the KL International Airport (KLIA) here to observe the overall operations at the airport.

He toured, among others, the covered car park and the food court at the main terminal building.

When met by RTM after the visit, Dr Mahathir said: "Looks like getting better...a little (problem) here and there but generally operating smoothly."

Asked whether he was satisfied with the KLIA's operations, he said: "I am never satisfied, but satisfied all the same...getting better all the time. Because it's a new big facility, it's not easy to have very smooth operations all at once."

He was also happy with the food court at Level Two of the main terminal building.

"The food centre looks good...looks very attractive," he said.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by Malaysia Airports Berhad chairman Tan Sri Bashir Ismail and managing director Datuk Khairuddin Ibrahim, toured the airport for about an hour.

Asked why he had visited the car park, he said that he wanted to observe the efficiency of the car park system and whether it was convenient for the public.

The airport was officially opened by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar on June 27.

Dr Mahathir earlier visited the wetlands in the Kuala Langat district, a few kilometres from the KLIA.

The 3,200-ha site is the first sanctuary park in the country.

Dr Mahatir also visited the Formula One racing circuit project near the KLIA.

He said that the project was progressing smoothly and was expected to be completed in October.

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