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DR MAHATHIR VISITS LABUAN/SABAH THURSDAY

KOTA KINABALU, Aug 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to make a three-day visit to the Federal Territory of Labuan and Sabah from Thursday, the Labuan Information Department said today.

Dr Mahathir, who will be accompanied by wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, is due in Labuan on Thursday evening and attend a dinner with Labuan Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders.

Dr Mahathir is chairman of the governing BN coalition.

Following the dinner, Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, will hold a closed-door meeting with Labuan Umno leaders, the department said in a statement.

On Friday, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to inspect and attend a briefing on development projects on the international off-shore financial centre, including the Labuan airport new terminal building.

Later that day the prime minister will open a congress of Parti Demokratik Sabah (PDS), a component of the Sabah BN followed by a dinner with state leaders.

On Saturday Dr Mahathir is scheduled to address a masses-meet-leaders gathering at the Likas sports complex near here and later open a congress of another state BN component, the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

Dr Mahathir leaves for Kuala Lumpur after that.

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