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DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES FOR WORKING VISIT

LANGKAWI, Jan 19 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today for a working visit.

He was met on arrival at the Langkawi international airport at Padang Matsirat by Langkawi MP Datuk Abu Bakar Taib, Langkawi Development Authority (Lada) General Manager Datuk Haji Abdul Halil Mutalib and senior government officers.

Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, made brief visits to several places on this duty free island.

He is expected to join Muslims in the breaking of the fast at the Masjid Ai'Shah Sungai Menghulu, the first air-conditioned mosque on the island.

The RM2 million mosque which can accommodate a congregation of more than 1,000 was built 100 per cent from donations by corporate figures and the local population.

The Sultan of Kedah is expected to open the mosque after the Hari Raya Puasa. --BERNAMA

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