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DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES TO OPEN UMNO TOWER

PULAU PINANG, Aug 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has arrived here to inaugurate the Umno Tower in Jalan Macalister as part of the itinerary of his one-day visit to Pulau Pinang.

More than 1,000 people, including Barisan Nasional leaders and supporters, welcomed the prime minister on arrival at the Bayan Lepas international airport here.

Accompanied by wife Datuk Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Dr Mahathir was met at the airport by Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon and his deputy Datuk Mohd Shariff Omar, among others.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik were also in the prime minister's entourage.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim received the prime minister at the Umno Tower for the inauguration.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, later held a closed-door meeting with members of the state Umno liaison committee.

As his last function here tonight, the prime minister will address at a leaders-meet-masses rally at the Penang International Sports Arena.

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