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MAHATHIR TOURS COMMONWEALTH GAMES VENUES

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 19 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today made another round of visits to several venues of the 16th Commonwealth Games.

He started his tour by joining the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar at the PKNS ground at Kelana Jaya near here to watch the cricket competition.

The prime minister later went to the Mines Exhibition Centre at the Mines here to witness the weightlifting event. Dr Mahathir stayed for more than 30 minutes to watch the finals of the snatch event in the over 105kg category.

The event was won by Darren Liddel of New Zealand who lifted 165.0kg. Giles Greenwood of England won the silver with 162.5kg while Christopher Rae of Australia grabbed the bronze (160.0kg).

Dr Mahathir then proceeded to the National Stadium at Bukit Jalil where he spent more than two hours watching and cheering the athletes in action.

The prime minister later left for the National Hockey Stadium nearby to give moral support to the Malaysian team in their semifinal match against India.

Backed by a roaring support from the Malaysian fans, the national side qualified for the final after beating India 1-0.

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