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20,000 KELANTAN PEOPLE TO WELCOME DR MAHATHIR IN JELI

KOTA BAHARU, March 27 (Bernama) -- Some 20,000 people will welcome Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad when he arrives in Jeli tomorrow for a brief visit.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno President, is visiting Jeli to open the Jeli Umno Division delegates conference at the Bukit Nangka Umno Complex.

The Prime Minister accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah will arrive at 9.40am and would be received by 144 Wanita Umno members and bunga manggar bearing maidens. A traditional Kelantan music band will be in attendance.

The Prime Minister is expected to deliver a keynote address when opening the divisional conference and is expected to touch on political developments in Kelantan.

His speech is also expected to address PAS accusations against Umno and the current economic situation in the country.

Dr Mahathir would present awards to Umno veterans and also open the Jeli Umno Complex, a spokesman of the reception committee said.

Dr Siti Hasmah will open the Dewan Badminton 1001 in Jeli at 11.45am.

The Prime Minister and his wife will drive to Camp 301 where they will board a helicopter for the trip to Grik in Perak where the Prime Minister is scheduled to open the Umno Divisional Conference there in the afternoon.

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