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MAHATHIR, WIFE VISIT PERAK, OPENS MARINA BEACH RESORT

IPOH, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali arrived here today for a working weekend visit to Perak.

They were met on arrival at the Sultan Azlan Shah Airport by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib and wife Raja Puan Sri Noora Ashikin Raja Abdullah.

Barisan Nasional component leaders and senior government officials were among the 1,000 people who also greeted the prime minister and wife.

Pro-government banners were also prominent at the airport welcoming ceremony, including one bearing the slogan "Hapuskan Pengaruh Al-Gore ke akar Umbi" (nip Al Gore's influence in the bud).

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah later left in a motorcade for the Lumut Yacht Club for the opening of the RM50-million exclusive Marina Bay Resort owned by YTL Corporation at Pangkor Laut.

On Sunday, the prime minister is scheduled to close a leadership upliftment camp for members of the youth wings of the governing Barisan Nasional coalition in Ulu Kenas near Kuala Kangsar.

While in Kuala Kangsar Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to visit the Mariwasa silverware and handicraft factory.

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