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PM ARRIVES FOR TWO-DAY WORKING VISIT

KUCHING, Aug 27 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here this morning for a two-day working visit to the state.

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, was greeted on arrival at the Kuching Airport by some 12,000 supporters of the Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sarawak (SUPP), Parti Kebangsaan Sarawak (SNAP) and Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS).

Chief Minister Tan Sri Taib Mahmud, Deputy Chief Ministers Tan Sri Amar Alfred Jabu and Datuk Dr George Chan, state Cabinet ministers and heads of state and federal government departments were present.

Also present were Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Minister Datuk Leo Moggie, who is PBDS president, and Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Deng.

Today, the prime minister is scheduled to launch the RM150 million Sarawak River Barrage and Shiplock.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah will attend a luncheon at the Dewan Pentaroma of the Kuching Utara City Hall and later attend a meet-the-people session at Stadium Perpaduan.

They will then proceed to witness the progress of the Sarawak State Library project and attend a dinner at the State Legislative Assembly building.

Tomorrow, Dr Mahathir, who is Barisan Nasional chairman, will open the PBB convention.

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