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PM ARRIVES FOR TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO JOHOR

JOHOR BAHRU, April 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today for a two-day official visit to Johor.

Dr Mahathir and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, were met on arrival at the Sultan Ismail International Airport in Senai by Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman and state dignitaries.

He then proceeded to the Malaysia-Singapore second crossing, linking Tanjung Kupang in Johor and Tuas in Singapore, for the official opening with his Singapore counterpart, Goh Chok Tong.

After the ceremony, Dr Mahathir will visit the the site of the proposed second port project costing RM2.1 billion, in Tanjung Pelepas, near Gelang Patah.

At noon, Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, will meet the Johor Umno liaison committee at Saujana, the Menteri Besar's official residence, and later attended a community lunch there.

At 3pm, he will visit the Duty Free Complex in Stulang Laut here and attend its official opening at 8pm.

Tomorrow, Dr Mahathir will open the Malaysia Motorcycle Grand Prix '98 at the circuit in Pasir Gudang, about 44km from here.

He will later launch the National Ruminant in Estates Integrated Programme at the Johor Education Foundation estate at KM17 Kulai-Kota Tinggi road.

He will open the new terminal building at the Sultan Ismail International Airport before leaving for Kuala Lumpur. -- BERNAMA

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