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PM begins three-day visit to Labuan and Sabah

LABUAN, Thurs. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived this evening to begin a three-day visit here and to Sabah.

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Arriving at the Royal Malaysian Air Force base, he was received by Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Ibrahim Saad, the Labuan director of administration Datuk Baseri Lamsah and Member of Parliament for Labuan Abdol Mulok Awang Damit, among others.

He later attended a dinner with Labuan Barisan Nasional leaders and a closed-door meeting with Labuan Umno leaders including those in the Youth and Wanita wings.

Tomorrow, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to inspect and attend a briefing on development projects at the international offshore financial centre, including the Labuan airport's new terminal building.

At 3pm tomorrow, the Prime Minister will leave for Kota Kinabalu where he will open a congress of Parti Demokratik Sabah, a component of the Sabah BN.

This will be followed by a dinner with State leaders.

On Saturday, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to address a meet-the-people gathering at the Likas sports complex and later open a congress of another State Barisan Nasional component, the Liberal Democratic Party.

As in his earlier meet-the-people sessions in other States, Dr Mahathir is expected to call on the people to continue to support the Government in its efforts to overcome the economic problems.

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