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PM to make official visit to Johor tomorrow

JOHOR BARU, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to make a one-day official visit to Johor on Tuesday.

It is part of his tour to all States to explain to the people the current economic problems and other developments.

Soon after his arrival at the Sultan Ismail Airport in Senai at 3pm, he is scheduled to proceed to the Johor Baru City Council Indoor Stadium to address a mass gathering.

The meet-the-people session at 3.30pm will be attended by about 5,000 people comprising Johor Barisan Nasional leaders, senior government servants, community leaders and representatives of social organisations.

Dr Mahathir is then scheduled to visit an exhibition on the Johor River and Desaru's development projects at Hotel Sofitel in Senai at 6.45pm.

The Johor River in Kota Tinggi is earmarked for major development, including Kota Perdana, the proposed new Johor administrative capital.

Another major project coming up on the Johor River is the proposed RM600 million bridge across the river, which will cut travelling time from Johor Baru to Desaru, the popular holiday beach resort, by more than half.

However, both these projects have been put on hold due to the current economic slowdown.

The Prime Minister's programme also includes dinner with the Johor Umno liaison committee at Hotel Sofitel at 8pm.

At 9pm, Dr Mahathir, is scheduled to have a closed-door meeting with Johor Umno divisional leaders, Youth and Wanita heads and information chiefs at the same hotel.

He is scheduled to return to Kuala Lumpur before midnight. His last official visit to Johor was on April 18, when he opened the Malaysia-Singapore Second Crossing and the Duty Free Zone Complex.

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