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Mahathir-Visits

PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT PULAU PINANG AND KELANTAN

PULAU PINANG, Aug 7 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will have a busy schedule when he makes a one-day working visit to Pulau Pinang on Tuesday.

Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon said today Dr Mahathir would arrive with his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, at the Bayan Lepas International Airport, here, at about 3pm.

He would then open the state Umno buildig in Jalan Macalister and meet representatives of Umno divisions before attending a dinner with the state executive councillors, Dr Koh told a news conference, here.

At 8.30pm, Dr Mahathir, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, their wives and state leaders would meet the people at the Pulau Pinang International Sports Arena (Pisa) indoor stadium in Relau.

Dr Koh said there would be 13,000 seats in the stadium to accommodate members of the public and free parking in the Pisa grounds from 6pm to 11pm.

The prime minister was scheduled to leave for Kuala Lumpur at about 10.30pm and would return to the state on Aug 30 for the 41st National Day parade here, he added.

In KOTA BAHARU, Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa said about 20,000 people were expected to turn out at Sekolah Kebangsaan Chengal, Kadok, about 19km from here, to greet Dr Mahathir on his one-day working visit to Kelantan on Aug 22.

Dr Mahathir would deliver a speech and explain the current economic situation at the function, he told reporters after chairing a meeting of department heads at the school.

He said Dr Mahathir, who would be accompanied by his wife, would also launch four programmes -- the community postal beat, Tok Ayah Ali bridge, tube wells and phase three of the Desa Wawasan (GDS) Movement -- in Kampung Chengal, Kadok.

In the afternoon he would attend a special briefing on breeding aquarium fish and cultivating orchids for export under the Hardcore Poor Development Programme, in Kuala Krai, about 75km from here.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Kelantan Umno liaison chairman, would hold a closed-door meeting with state umno leaders at the state Umno hall before leaving for Kuala Lumpur at 5pm, he said.

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