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PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES IN SABAH FOR SHORT VISIT

KOTA KINABALU, May 7 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here on a special flight today for a short visit to Sabah.

He was received on arrival by Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee and Sabah Umno liaison chairman Datuk Osu Sukam and taken to Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort for lunch with Sabah Barisan Nasional component party leaders.

He is scheduled to have a closed-door meeting with the Sabah BN leaders and state Cabinet ministers at the same venue.

A news conference will be held after the meeting whereby the prime minister is expected to announce the name of the new chief minister from among the non-Muslim bumiputeras to replace Yong under the rotation system of government in Sabah.

Yong's term expires end of this month.

The prime minister is scheduled to return to Kuala Lumpur immediately after that.

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