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Tuesday opening of Menara Umno

PENANG, Fri. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the latest pride of Penang, the Menara Umno, when he visits Penang on Tuesday.

Dr Mahathir, who will be here on a one-day working visit, will chair a State Umno liaison committee meeting in the RM35-million building after the opening ceremony.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, will also attend a meet-the-people session at the Penang International Sports Arena, Bayan Baru, later the same day as part of his efforts to explain the initiatives taken by the Government to revive the economy.

Also present will be Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon and State Barisan Nasional component parties and community leaders.

The 21-storey Menara Umno is a joint venture among the State Islamic Religious Council, State Umno and South East Asia Development Corporation Berhad.

Standing on a 0.4ha piece of land which formerly housed the first Umno building in the country, Menara Umno also houses the State Islamic Religious Department, State Islamic Religious Council, besides the State Umno.

It has 14 floors of office space, two floors for banks, a floor for the auditorium and meeting rooms, a penthouse and three floors of parking bays.

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