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Mahathir-Visit

DR MAHATHIR TO VISIT JOHOR NEXT MONTH

JOHOR BAHRU, April 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to make a two-day visit to Johor beginning on May 20.

Dr Mahathir has postponed his trip to the state, scheduled for March 25, to make a pilgrimage to Mecca.

Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said that the visit by Dr Mahathir, who is undergoing treatment for lung infection at the National Heart Institute (IJN), was confirmed by the Prime Minister's Department last week.

"The programme arranged (for Dr Mahathir) remains unchanged," he told reporters after launching RTM's "open day" in conjunction with its 53rd anniversary, at the Sultan Iskandar Information and Broadcasting Complex, here, today.

Dr Mahathir and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, are scheduled to arrive at the Sultan Ismail International Airport in Senai in the morning.

The prime minister, who is Umno president, is then scheduled to hold a meeting with the Johor state Umno liaison committee at the Johor Umno Building, here, and later meet committee members of the state Umno Youth and Wanita Umno movements and also heads and committee members of Umno divisions including the Umno Youth and Wanita Umno divisions, at the Eden Garden Hotel, here.

After attending lunch with Umno and Barisan Nasional leaders at the same hotel, Dr Mahathir will attend a meet-the-people session at the field of Sekolah Kebangsaan Felda Pengeli Timur, near Kota Tinggi.

He will attend a dinner at Saujana, the official residence of the Johor Menteri Besar, that night.

The following day, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to launch a low-cost and medium-cost housing project in Kota Masai and later attend a ground-breaking ceremony at the site of the Titan plant project at the Tanjung Langsat industrial zone near Pasir Gudang.

Dr Mahathir is later scheduled to join the people at Friday prayers at the Masjid Jamek in Kampung Kopok Baru.

He is scheduled to hold a news conference before leaving for Kuala Lumpur in the afternoon.

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