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DR MAHATHIR TO ATTEND TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS IN LANGKAWI

LANGKAWI, Jan 29 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will visit Langkawi on Tuesday in conjunction with two major events -- the Le Tour de Langkawi 1999 and the launch of a world record bid by a Malaysian.

The Prime Minister will attend a lunch at Berjaya Langkawi Beach Resort in conjunction with the launch of the Tour, the Langkawi Development Authority (Lada) said in a statement today.

About 150 riders from 25 teams have entered for the 1,773.5km Tour, the third most prestigious cycling race in the world after the Le Tour de France and Giro d'Italia.

After that Dr Mahathir will launch the attempt by Perlis-born Azhar Mansor to sail solo non-stop round the world on his 'Jalur Gemilang' yacht from Awana Porto Malai Langkawi.

Azhar, 40, will follow a new route covering 26,000 nautical miles, which has been verified by the England-based World Sailing Speed Record Council, in his bid to break the record held by a Frenchman who performed a similar feat in 105 days.

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