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DR MAHATHIR VISITS MELAKA ON AUG 9 AND 10

MELAKA, July 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will visit Melaka Historical City on Aug 9 and 10.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin said that on the first day Dr Mahathir will meet with members of the Melaka Umno Liaison Body and Barisan Nasional Liaison Body.

The Prime Minister will then attend a luncheon and meet with members of the State Umno Youth and Wanita committees.

Abu Zahar said the climax of Dr Mahathir's visit would be a talk at a peoples' gathering at Padang Pahlawan, Bandar Hilir, here at 3pm.

More than 20,000 people are expected to attend the gathering to listen to the Prime Minister's message on current issues at the field where the first prime minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj announced the date of the country's independence in February, 1956.

The people will be reminded of the sacrifices of the Malays and Umno in ensuring the country's independence from the colonialists, Abu Zahar told reporters after chairing the state Exco meeting at Seri Negeri, here today.

Dr Mahathir will then attend a dinner at the Pay Fong Secondary School Hall which will be attended by more than 2,000 leaders of political parties, non-government organisations (NGOs) and members of the public.

On the following day, the prime minister will officially open the new Melaka Hospital complex at Bukit Palah costing RM77 million.

The complex provides new facilities such as hydrotherapy treatment services, fire victim treatment unit and additional operation theatres, and delivery rooms.

Dr Mahathir will hold a press conference after the function before returning to Kuala Lumpur.

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