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DR MAHATHIR MEET MASSES IN RANAU

RANAU, May 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today to meet the people of this highland district to keep a date deferred from last March 11 because weather conditions then did not permit his helicopter flight here.

This time around the prime minister arrived by helicopter accompanied by Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam and later addressed about 3,000 people.

Also present were Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, Land and Cooperative Development Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam and Pahang Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaacob.

Dr Mahathir was originally scheduled to visit Ranau on the eve of the Sabah state election held on March 12 and 13.

Although he could not make it in person then, Dr Mahathir addressed the people gathered at the community hall here through telephone and the speech was relayed live via radio broadcast.

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