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LIMA '99: DR MAHATHIR TAKES SALUTE AT MARITIME PARADE

LANGKAWI, Dec 3 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad took the salute at a maritime march-past held in conjunction with the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA 99') exhibition which entered its fourth day today.

The parade involving 12 contingents was held in the naval tradition practised worldwide but was added with colourful cultural dances.

Also present at the march-past in front of the Langkawi Development Authority (LADA) complex were the Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid and other dignitaries.

About 500 naval crew from Malaysia, Britain, France, Singapore, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Pakistan and the United States marched for about 3km from Dataran Lang to a nearby hotel.

More than 1,000 spectators cheered the performance of the various contingents.

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