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Mahathir-Arrival

MAHATHIR ARRIVES FOR TWO-DAY VISIT

JOHOR BAHRU, Aug 27 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here this evening for a two-day visit to Johor.

He was met on arrival at the Sultan Ismail International Airport in Senai by Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman and state executive councillors.

Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin was also present.

Dr Mahathir then left in a motorcade to a nearby Telekom Malaysia yard to launch a 8,000-strong Umno youth motorcycle action corps.

The prime minister is scheduled to have an audience with the Sultan of Johor at Istana Bukit Serene later and followed by a dinner with the Sultan at Istana Besar.

Tomorrow, Dr Mahathir will witness the signing of an agreement for the privatisation of the Tanjung Puteri waterfront development project between the state government and Konsortium Hujung Tanah Sdn Bhd.

Later he is scheduled to open the marine technology laboratory, visit the Einstein laboratory and launch the theme for the "Discovery University" at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) in Skudai.

In the afternoon Dr Mahathir will close the 1999 Premier Cup badminton championship at city hall's indoor stadium here.

Before returning to the federal capital, the prime minister will attend a dinner at Saujana, the Menteri Besar's official residence.

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