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MAHATHIR ARRIVES FOR TWO-DAY VISIT TO KELANTAN

KOTA BAHARU, July 22 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today for a two-day working visit to Kelantan.

He was accompanied by wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali.

They were met on arrival at the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport in Pengkalan Chepa by Kelantan Umno liaison chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah and a large crowd which also comprised Umno and Barisan Nasional members.

Also present were state Umno deputy liaison chief and Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa, Second Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ibrahim Ali and Umno Youth acting chief Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

The prime minister and wife then left for Istana Negeri in Kubang Kerian for an audience with the Sultan of Kelantan.

The prime minister's itinerary today include a meeting with the state Umno and BN liaison committees and performing the ground breaking for a new airport terminal building.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president and BN chairman, is scheduled to hold a closed-door meeting with the Kelantan Umno liaison committee tomorrow morning.

He was state Umno liaison chief for nine years before relinquishing the post last month for Tengku Razaleigh.

In a separate programme, Dr Siti Hasmah will visit the Sri Kenangan in Pengkalan Chepa tomorrow.

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