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MAHATHIR INSPECTS PROJECTS IN LANGKAWI

LANGKAWI, June 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today inspected several development projects in this resort island at the start of his two-day working visit.

Upon arriving at the Langkawi International Airport in Padang Matsirat at about 3.45pm, he proceeded to the Langkawi Lagoon recreational and tourism project in nearby Kuala Muda.

He was accompanied by Langkawi Development Authority (Lada) general manager Datuk Abdul Mutalib and Langkawi MP Datuk Abu Bakar Taib.

Dr Mahathir also inspected the summer palace at Pantai Kok, built at a cost of over RM1 million to film the Hollywood movie "Anna and The King".

The palace featuring Siamese architecture was handed over to Lada by the movie producer, 20th Century Fox, upon completion of shooting in mid-April.

It was built on land belonging to Lada over a three-month period by a local contractor with the assistance of a consultant.

Dr Mahathir also visited the project site for 58 temporary stalls for traders in Kuah.

The traders will be housed at the stalls pending the construction of the Mara commercial complex.

The prime minister was briefed on the project by Abu Bakar.

Tonight, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to attend a dinner in conjunction with the annual meeting of chief executives of government statutory bodies in Kuah.

Tomorrow, he is scheduled to launch the logo and brochures of the Langkawi Travel Mart.

Dr Mahathir is expected to return to Kuala Lumpur in the afternoon.

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