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MAHATHIR BEGINS TWO-DAY WORKING VISIT TO NEGERI SEMBILAN

SEREMBAN, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is on a nation-wide tour to enlighten the people on current issues, today began a two-day working visit to Negeri Sembilan.

During the visit he is scheduled to lay the foundation stone of a people's religious school in Kuala Pilah later today and open the first smart school in a Felda land scheme in Serting, Jempol tomorrow, among other functions.

He is accompanied by wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

They were escorted to the Municipal Hall here by 1,000 outriders comprising members of Barisan Nasional component parties and were met on arrival there by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad and other state dignitaries.

At the hall the prime minister held a meeting and a dialogue with government officers.

Afterwards he is scheduled to lay the foundation stone for Sekolah Menengah Agama Daerah Kuala Pilah in Selaru and address a 25,000-strong crowd at a dinner function at the NS Padang here tonight.

When he visits Bandar Baru Serting in Jempol tomorrow Dr Mahathir will not only inaugurate the first smart school to be set up in a Felda land scheme but also take a closer look at the home of settler Padzillah Md Sawi at No.23, Felda Serting 4.

Later tomorrow, Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, will hold closed-door meetings separately with the state Umno liaison committee and party divisional as well youth and women leaders at Wisma Negeri here.

In a separate programme tomorrow, Dr Siti Hasmah is scheduled to meet leaders and members of women's organisations in Negeri Sembilan at the Allison Klana Resort here.

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