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Mahathir-Arrival

PM ARRIVES FOR TWO-DAY VISIT TO SARAWAK

MIRI, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here this morning for a two-day visit to the state.

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali and Information Minister Tan Sri Mohamed Khalil Yaakob, was greeted on arrival at the Miri Airport by Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, state Cabinet ministers, heads of government department and some 3,000 residents of the district.

Present were Energy, Telecommunications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Leo Moggie, Agriculture Minister Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Daud, Deputy Chief Ministers Tan Sri Alfred Jabu and Datuk Amar Dr George Chan and state Barisan Nasional leaders.

Dr Mahathir then proceeded to a beach hotel for a meeting with the state BN committee.

He will later attend a luncheon with community leaders.

In the afternoon, he is scheduled to launch the Tudan Bridge stretching 150 metres across the Miri River here and inspect the low and medium-cost housing project at Permyjaya, near here.

The prime minister is scheduled to launch the Permyjaya new township covering 12 hectares.

Tonight, Dr Mahathir will attend a dinner with state BN component party leaders and then speak at a meet-the-people session at a recreational park, here.

Tomorrow, Dr Mahathir will proceed to Betong, in the interior of the Sri Aman division, to visit the Sekolah Menengah Teknik there.

He is scheduled to perform Friday prayers at the Betong Jamek Mosque.

He will meet community leaders in Betong before leaving for Kuala Lumpur from Sibul.

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