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PM inspects project sites in Langkawi

LANGKAWI, Sat. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad drove around the island for about three hours making several stops to take a closer look at several project sites.

Dr Mahathir, who is on a two-day working visit, went to the Langkawi Lagoon project site in Kuala Muda where he spent 15 minutes.

He spent another 15 minutes at the "summer palace" constructed by Hollywood's 20th Century Fox for the filming of its film Anna and the King in Pantai Kok.

The film company has handed over the palace at the beachfront, constructed at a cost of more than RM1 million, to the Langkawi Development Authority. There was a proposal that the palace be maintained and converted into a museum.

Dr Mahathir later drove to Kuah town to inspect the site where 58 transit stalls are being built by Mara to relocate traders currently trading at several places in town.

He later adjourned for tea at Kampung Tok Senik in Ulu Melaka before proceeding to Awana Porto Malai in Tanjung Malai.

Dr Mahathir and his wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali arrived at the Langkawi International Airport about 3.45pm.

Greeting him at the airport were Langkawi Development Authority general manager Datuk Abdul Halil Mutalib, Member of Parliament Datuk Abu Bakar Taib, State Executive Councillors Abdul Rahman Ariffin and Hassan Bulat and District Officer Ismail Hamid.

Dr Mahathir will attend a dinner hosted by the Association of Malaysian Statutory Bodies at Sheraton Perdana.

Tomorrow, he will launch the Langkawi Travel Mart at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre.

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