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SABAH: KURUP REGRETS BILLBOARD DAMAGE INCIDENT

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 17 (Bernama) -- Sabah Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Joseph Kurup today expressed regret over damage caused to a billboard put up in Keningau to mark Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's visit to the district in two days.

He said it was the action of irresponsible people who did not appreciate the presence of the Prime Minister in the district.

"His visit to the district should be welcomed with joy and pride by the people," he said in a statement issued here.

Kurup also hit out at people who he said were spreading rumours that Dr Mahathir had called off his visit to Keningau.

"This is absolutely untrue," he said.

Dr Mahathir, who arrives in Sandakan tomorrow for a three-day visit to Sabah, is expected to attend a meet-the-people session in Keningau the following day.

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