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Tight programme for Dr M in overnight visit

KOTA KINABALU, Wed. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who arrived this evening for an overnight visit, will have a tight programme.

Accompanying him is wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

He had earlier flown from Kuala Lumpur to Sandakan where he visited two Umno officials wounded at the Duchess of Kent Hospital after a road accident at Jalan Telupid on Monday.

In the incident, Serdang (in Selangor) divisional vice-head Mohamad Juli Alias Sharif was killed while deputy head Hasnan Abdul Wahid and treasurer Abdul Aziz Sharif are recuperating at the hospital.

Barely half an hour upon arrival here from Sandakan, Dr Mahathir was at the Restoran Putera Theatre as the guest of honour to a Malam Muhibbah organised by the Penampang Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Also at the function at Taman Tun Fuad in Luyang was Chief Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok, who is involved in a four-way fight for the Moyog (in the Penampang district) seat.

The function was also attended by the Chinese community from Penampang.

After dinner, Dr Mahathir presented cheques (of allocations) to government-aided Chinese schools.

Tomorrow, he proceeds north to Kudat, about 200 kilometres from here, where he will address people from the Kudat and Matunggong constituencies.

Former Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Senator Datuk Chong Kah Kiat is the BN candidate in Kudat while the BN representative in Matunggong is incumbent Datuk Markus Majihi.

Dr Mahathir will attend a similar function at the Ranau community centre, 110km west of Kota Kinabalu, where residents of the Ranau and Kundasang constituencies will gather.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah will return to Kuala Lumpur tomorrow.

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