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DR MAHATHIR AMONG SPECTATORS AT WOMEN'S WORLD CUP GOLF

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- The second round of the inaugural Women's World Cup Golf at The Mines Resort and Golf Club here today attracted a crowd of about 1,000 spectators as against only 200 in the first round held yesterday.

Among of them was Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who made an unscheduled visit to watch the event. He was accompanied by tournament organising committee chairman Tan Sri Hashim Mohd Ali.

However the number of spectators watching the world event was rather low when compared to the 10,000-crowd who watched top golfer Tiger Woods of the United States in action in the Men's World Cup of Golf at the same venue last year.

A number of factors could be behind the low spectator turnout.

It is obvious that the men golfers especially Tiger Woods have many fans here as compared to the women's golfers.

The other reason could be that Muslims preferred to stay home during the fasting month instead of spending time outdoors hence depriving the Women's World Cup Golf a number of enthusiastic fans.

The weather is also another factor. Before the tournament starts, heavy rains were a frequent occurrence especially in the afternoon.

This could have discouraged golf fans from converging at The Mines Resort and Golf Club to see the event. However, since the tournament began with Pro-Am on Thursday, the weather is not so bad and the tournament has progressed smoothly.

According to the organisers, about 6,000 tickets have been sold for the tournament. Hence more spectators are expected on the final day tomorrow.

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