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25,000 EXPECTED TO ATTEND DINNER WITH PM

MELAKA, July 12 (Bernama) -- About 25,000 people from all walks of life in the state will attend a dinner with the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Dataran Sejarah Ayer Keroh on Monday.

Organised by the Melaka Barisan Nasional, approximately 10,000 Umno members, 5,000 MCA members, 3,000 MIC members, 1,000 members each from Gerakan, the People's Progressive Party, 4,000 members from non-governmental organisations and 1,000 officers and staff of government departments are expected to attend the dinner.

The Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly, who is chairman of the organising committee for the dinner, Datuk Amid Nordin said the dinner would be Dr Mahathir's first programme of his two-day visit to Melaka.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to organise a meeting with the Melaka Umno Liaison at the Chief Minister's residence in Bukit Peringgit on Tuesday and open the Manipal-Melaka Medical College in Bukit Baru before returning to Kuala Lumpur.

Amid added that in conjunction with the dinner, Jalan Ayer Keroh until Jalan Tasik Utama will be closed to all traffic from 6pm to 11.30pm.

He said road users on the North-South highway heading towards Melaka from the Ayer Keroh Plaza should use Jalan Padang Keladi while vehicles from Alor Gajah and Jasin should use the slip road at Simpang Ampat and Lipat Kajang.

Amid also said parking areas have been provided in Taman Tasik Utama, the expo grounds in Ayer Keroh and at the state government complex in Seri Negeri.

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