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DR MAHATHIR TO HAND OVER TRAINING SHIP ON MONDAY

IPOH, Aug 1 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will hand over a naval training ship, the "MV Fajar Samudera" to the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) when he visits the Lumut naval base about 90 km from here on Monday.

According to a statement issued by the public relations office of the RMN base, Dr Mahathir's itinerary there includes attending a briefing on naval operations at the fleet command headquarters.

The prime minister is also scheduled to inspect the RMN vessel "KD Jebat" and meet officers and men and their families at a get-together in the afternoon.

Dr Mahathir will also visit the ship-building facilities at the PSC-Naval Dockyard Sdn Bhd within the base complex.

The statement said the prime minister will be accompanied by wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

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