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Mahathir-Kelantan (Arrival)

DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN GUA MUSANG TO BEGIN KELANTAN VISIT

GUA MUSANG, April 7 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister arrived here by helicopter from Ipoh to begin a one-day visit to PAS-controlled Kelantan.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad accompanied by Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob alighted from his helicopter at the compound of the Civics Centre here at 10.45am.

He was received by Gua Musang Umno Division head Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, Kelantan Umno Chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed and Gua Musang MCA and MIC leaders.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno President, left in a motorcade led by 3,000 motorcycles to the Balai Rakyat Bukit Chekati about 5KM from the Civics Centre to open the Gua Musang Umno Division delegates conference.

From Gua Musang, Dr Mahathir will go by helicopter to Tanah Merah and will meet Umno leaders from the Tanah Merah and Jeli divisions at the Sekolah Menengah Teknik.

The Prime Minister will leave for Kota Baharu in the late afternoon for a closed door meeting with the Political Bureaus of Umno divisions in Kelantan at the State Umno Building.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to leave for Kuala Lumpur by executive jet from the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport in Pengkalan Chepa at 10.45pm

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