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DR MAHATHIR INSPECTS DEVELOPMENT IN TUMPAT BY BUS

TUMPAT, July 20 (Bernama) -- A 40-km bus ride starting from Kubang Kerian near Kota Baharu to Pengkalan Kubor enabled the Prime Minister Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to have a close look today at the pace of development in Tumpat, one of the backward districts in Kelantan.

Upon arrival at Pengkalan Kubor after the 50-minute bus ride, Dr Mahathir toured and shopped at the duty-free zone there besides inspecting the local immigration complex and jetty.

Pengkalan Kubor, situated on the estuary of the Golok River which forms the Malaysia-Thai border, is a popular shopping spot in Kelantan.

The jetty also serves commuters and visitors to Tak Bai, the Thai town across in the southern Thai province of Narathiwat.

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by KUB (M) Bhd chairman Datuk Hassan Harun and Kelantan Umno chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed.

After a briefing on the immigration complex, the prime minister performed Friday prayers at the Al Huda mosque in Pengkalan Kubor and later joined the people for lunch hosted by local businessman Zainol Hashim.

In a separate programme, the prime minister's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali visited the Kota Baharu Hospital and presented gifts to children being treated there.

Earlier, she accompanied Dr Mahathir at the opening of an IT literacy programme in Kubang Kerian near Kota Baharu.

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