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DR MAHATHIR TOURS FOREIGN WARSHIPS BERTHED AT TANJUNG MALAI

LANGKAWI, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today visited about 30 ships including 10 foreign war ships berthed at Tanjung Malai waters, the venue for the maritime segment of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA 2001).

The prime minister spent about two hours touring the ships.

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, Royal Malaysian Navy Chief Jen Tan Sri Abu Bakar Jamal and HW Lima Sdn Bhd Executive Chairman Tan Sri Abdul Wahab Nawi.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir opened LIMA 2001 at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Hall at Padang Matsirat here, the region's biggest biennial maritime and aerospace exhibition.

A fleet of foreign war ships including ITS San Guisto from Italy, RSS Endeavour (Singapore), BNS Osman (Bangladesh) and INS Kulish (Pakistan) have anchored in the Tanjung Malai waters.

The RMN's 20 patrol and reconnaissance vessels including KD Lekir, KD Lekiu, KD Hang Tuah, KD Laksamana Muhd Amin, KD Mahawangsa, KD Pendekar and KD Ledang are also there.

On arrival at Awana Porto Malai Resort, Dr Mahathir witnessed the capabilities of the BE-200 amphibious aircraft which could take off from land and water.

He also watched the CB-90H assault vessels used by RMN's Special Forces.

About 300 exhibitors from 22 countries are taking part in the maritime segment of LIMA 2001.

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