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Mahathir-Pekan Rabu

PM INSPECTS PEKAN RABU RENOVATION PROJECT

ALOR SETAR, July 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today inspected renovation works being undertaken at Pekan Rabu, a landmark Malay bazaar here.

He spent about 20 minutes inspecting the RM13 million project and was briefed by its architect Syed Tajol Ariff Syed Baharom.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, Pekan Rabu Traders Association chairman Haji Azmi Shahab and senior state government officers.

Upon completion of the three-phase project, the 26-year-old bazaar will be renamed Pekan Rabu-Che Det Mall.

Work on the first phase costing RM1 million, which includes construction of a pedestrian mall, began last month and is scheduled for completion at the end of the year.

The second phase costing RM4 million entails building the Sungai Raja Square to link with the new Pekan Rabu complex.

Syed Tajol said the final phase costing RM8 million includes renovating the five-storey former Mara office into a budget hotel and building a cultural performance centre called Arked Empire.

Dr Mahathir, a trader in Pekan Rabu when he was young, is popularly known among the local people as Che Det.

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