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PM to make working visit to Kelantan today

KOTA BARU, Thurs. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be in Kelantan for a day-long working visit tomorrow to see the progress of Federal development projects in the State.

The visit will also provide him an opportunity to have an insight on the preparations, especially along the Kelantan/Thai border, being made for the implementation of the Asean Free Trade Area, National Economic Action Council adviser Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said.

He told a Press conference that Dr Mahathir was scheduled to arrive at the Sultan Ismail Petra airport in Pengkalan Chepa about 8am.

On arrival, Dr Mahathir, accompanied by his wife, Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, will be taken to the construction site of the airport expansion project about half-a-kilometre away.

Mustapa said the airport project, costing about RM50 million, involved construction of a new terminal to cater for the increase in the number of passengers using the Sultan Ismail Petra airport.

From the airport, Dr Mahathir will be taken to Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Kubang Kerian 2 for the launch of KUB Malaysia IT Literacy Programme 2001 before leaving for Pengkalan Kubor on a bus.

In Pengkalan Kubor, Dr Mahathir will visit the Immigration and Customs Complex and also the surrounding areas.

He will also join Muslims in the area for Friday prayers at the Masjid Al-Huda.

After lunch, Dr Mahathir will go to Rantau Panjang to meet Umno leaders from the Rantau Panjang and Tumpat divisions. He is scheduled to address the crowd and join them for tea before taking a tour of Rantau Panjang town.

Before returning to Kuala Lumpur, Dr Mahathir will have a discussion with ulamak at Wadi Sofia (KUB chairman Datuk Hassan Harun's residence).

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