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PRIME MINISTER BEGINS TWO-DAY VISIT TO SABAH

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today to begin a two-day working visit to Sabah.

His visit comes at a time when the rotation of the chief minister's post is being hotly speculated.

The special aircraft, with Dr Mahathir and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali onboard, arrived at the Kota Kinabalu International Airport at 1.50pm.

On arrival, the Prime Minister and his wife were received by Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam, members of the state cabinet and by Sabah Umno Deputy Liaison Chief Datuk Seri Salleh Said.

Also present were heads of various federal and state government departments and state leaders.

Minutes after arriving, Dr Mahathir held talks with members of Umno Gaya and Tanjung Aru divisions.

Tonight, the Prime Minister will attend a dinner with state Umno leaders at Magellan Sutera Hotel & Spa here.

Tomorrow, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to open the Asia Pacific Education Ministers Conference and is expected to hold a press conference before departing for Kuala Lumpur at about 2.30pm.

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