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PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES FOR TWO-DAY WORKING VISIT TO PENANG

PENANG, June 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali arrived here today at the Bayan Lepas International Airport for a two-day working visit to Penang.

He was met on arrival by 1,000 Barisan Nasional (BN) members headed by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his wife, Datin Seri Endon Mahmood.

Also present to greet the Prime Minister and his wife on arrival were Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Dr Hilmi Haji Yahaya, Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamed and the Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly Datuk Yahaya Abdul Hamid.

A tight itinerary has been lined for the Prime Minister including a dinner tonight with state Exco members and state assemblymen at a hotel here and a meeting later with BN leaders.

Tomorrow, the Prime Minister will attend a closed-door meeting with Umno leaders, including division chiefs, branch chairman, Pemuda and Wanita chiefs from Bayan Baru and Balik Pulau at the Balik Pulau Sports Complex.

Dr Mahathir will have lunch with the rakyat at the same complex before leaving for Friday prayers at Masjid Seberang Jaya.

After Friday prayers, he is scheduled to attend a meeting cum dialogue with Permatang Pauh and Bukit Mertajam Umno division leaders at Politeknik Seberang Jaya.

The Prime Minister and Dr Siti Hasmah will later adjourn for a tea reception with the rakyat at the foyer of Politeknik Seberang Jaya before departing for Kuala Lumpur late tomorrow evening from the airforce base in Butterworth.

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