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PRIME MINISTER OPENS PENANG BN CONVENTION

PENANG, Oct 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to open the Penang Barisan Nasional (BN) Convention to be held at the Balik Pulau Sports Complex on Nov 2.

Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Dr Hilmi Yahaya said the Prime Minister is also scheduled to attend the "leader with the people" programme at the Tuanku Bainun Teachers College, Bukit Mertajam on the same day.

The convention, with the theme "BN Leads - Penang Continues To Progress", will be attended by about 5,000 people, he said at a press conference at his office, here today.

Dr Hilmi said Dr Mahathir is scheduled to arrive at the Bayan Lepas International Airport at about 9am, from where he will proceed to Balik Pulau escorted by 300 BN Youth members on motorcycles.

In the afternoon, the Prime Minister will leave for Bukit Mertajam to attend the "leader with the people" programme which is expected to be attended by about 50,000 people, he said.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is expected to attend both functions, he said.

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