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DR MAHATHIR INSPECTS PROJECTS IN LANGKAWI

LANGKAWI, 27 Jan (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today for a one-day official visit.

He was greeted upon arrival at the Langkawi International Airport in Padang Matsirat by Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain and other local dignitaries.

Dr Mahathir later toured the RM45 million cable car project in Burau Bay, a joint-venture project by Dopple-Mayer of Austria and a local company, which is 70 per cent completed.

Scheduled to start operation in April, it links the Oriental Village integrated shopping complex with the 700m Gunung Machinchang.

Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to visit the shipyard for yachts in Tanjung Lembung, here, and to flag off Langkawi's Rotax Max Kart championship grand final at the Morac International go-kart circuit in Pantai Chenang.

Four Malaysian racers -- Mohamad Ferhan Fauzy, Raja Razman Raja Idris, Rodney Francis Magness and Bob Ngaau -- are among 34 karters who have made it to the grand final.

Later in the afternoon, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to give away prizes to the Langkawi Ironman Malaysia winners at Dataran Lang.

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