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DR MAHATHIR ARRIVES AT GELANG PATAH RAILWAY STATION

JOHOR BAHRU, Jan 21 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, arrived at the Gelang Patah Railway Station this morning for a brief visit to Johor.

He tight programme in the state includes the opening of the RM460 million branch rail line to the Port of Tanjung Pelepas (PTP) from the main rail line between Kulai and Kempas.

Dr Mahathir will then take a special train ride to the port for the opening ceremony.

The laying of the 31.5KM branch line was completed by IRCON International Ltd of India on Jan 13.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman and Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik.

The rail link follows the construction of the container transport transit terminal at PTP, a statement from Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTM) Berhad said.

At Wisma PTP later, Dr Mahathir will witness the signing of four memorandums of understanding for the implementation of various projects between Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) and SKS Ventures Sdn Bhd, Johor Government and Seaport Terminal (Johore) Sdn Bhd, Seaport and Petronas, and between Seaport Senai and Hochtief.

From the PTP, Dr Mahathir will leave for Johor Baharu City for a briefing at the office of Syarikat Gerbang Perdana on a development project.

The Prime Minister will return to Putrajaya in the afternoon.

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