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Mahathir-Prayers

DR M PERFORMS FRIDAY PRAYERS AT LUBUK KAWAH MOSQUE

JITRA, Jan 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today joined about 2,000 Muslims in Friday prayers at the Lubuk Kawah Mosque, near here.

He arrived at about 1pm for the prayers led by Kubang Pasu District Kadi Sheikh Osman Ibrahim.

After prayers, Dr Mahathir shook hands and exchanged greetings with the people at the mosque grounds.

Present were Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, former Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff and Agriculture Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Abu Bakar Taib.

Dr Mahathir and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali arrived in Alor Setar this morning for a one-day working visit to Kedah.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to attend a Hari Raya Aidilfitri gathering with Kedah Umno leaders at Bangunan Tunku in Alor Setar this evening.

Meanwhile, Dr Siti Hasmah, in a separate programme, will launch an education portal and incubator centre at the Kubang Pasu parliamentary Community Centre.

Dr Mahathir is the MP for Kubang Pasu.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah will return to Kuala Lumpur this evening.

In KANGAR, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat performed Friday prayers at the Guar Syed Alwi Mosque.

They chatted for a while after the prayers before heading to their respective destination.

Abdullah, who was accompanied by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim, mingled with the people and exchanged pleasantries after the prayers.

Abdullah is here since Wednesday spearheading the Barisan Nasional (BN) election campaign machinery for tomorrow's Indera Kayangan by-election.

Nik Aziz, who is also PAS's Spiritual Adviser, is also here to campaign for Keadilan candidate Khoo Yang Chong in the by-election.

The by-election is held following the death of the BN assemblyman for the constituency Datuk Khor Liang Tee on Dec 19.

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