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DR M TO OPEN RM10 MILLION SEMERAK BRIDGE

PASIR PUTEH, Oct 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to open the Semerak Bridge here during his one-day working visit to Kelantan on Oct 29.

Kelantan Federal Development Department Director Datuk Ramli Abdul Rahman said Dr Mahathir would also visit the RM55 million Sultan Ismail Petra Airport expansion project that had been completed.

The new terminal started operations a month ago.

Apart from the two itineraries, the department was making arrangements for Dr Mahathir to speak at meet-the-people sessions to explain current issues on developments in and outside the country, he told reporters.

Meanwhile, a spokesman of the State Public Works Department said the RM10 million Semerak Bridge, whose construction started on Aug 1, 1999, had been opened to traffic.

He said the 24m-long bridge, spanning over Sungai Semerak, links Cherang Ruku town with Tok Bali to Bachok.

The bridge was built to honour the promise by Dr Mahathir after the Barisan Nasional (BN) won the Semerak by-election in 1997 to replace the damaged wooden bridge.

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