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Melaka-Mahathir

MAHATHIR TO VISIT MELAKA IN OCTOBER

MELAKA, Aug 7 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to open the "Malay World Islamic World Convention" when he visits Melaka on Oct 3 and 4.

Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam said the prime minister was also scheduled to open the state administration complex and the Yang DiPertua Negeri's office complex in Air Keroh.

"In the evening (of Oct 3), Dr Mahathir will open Hang Tuah Mall in Jalan Hang Tuah which is a business centre for Bumiputera traders," he told reporters here.

The following day, Dr Mahathir would meet state Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders at a hotel, and open the Agro Park Centre here.

Mohd Ali said that Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi would open the Melaka BN Convention at a hotel here on Sept 28.

The chief minister also said that East Timor Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri would visit Melaka on Oct 14.

"The prime minister is keen to visit the Portugese settlement in Ujong Pasir to see how the Portugese community in this state are able to live in harmony with other races," he said.

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