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OVER 20,000 EXPECTED AT MARANG GATHERING TO BE ADDRESSED BY MAHATHIR

KUALA TERENGGANU, Aug 7 (Bernama) -- More than 20,000 people are expected to attend a gathering addressed by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Marang next week, said Terengganu Umno chief Datuk Idris Jusoh.

"We expect the people of Terengganu to come out in full force to meet our national leader and and listen to his explanation," Idris told a news conference here today.

The gathering at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Tun Telanai on Aug 16 will be held at 9am soon after the prime minister arrives for a one-day visit to the state.

After the gathering, Dr Mahathir will have lunch with state Barisan Nasional leaders at a leading hotel here, said Idris.

There will be a meeting with Terengganu Umno leaders after Friday prayers, and this will be followed by the opening of 'Rumah Nelayan' in Kampung Tok Jembal here at 3.30pm.

Dr Mahathir, who will be accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, will attend a dinner with political leaders and non-governmental organisation representatives before returning to Kuala Lumpur, said Idris.

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