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Piala Perdana badminton tourney off to royal start

IPOH, Wed. - The 17th Piala Perdana badminton tournament was officially opened by Raja Muda Raja Nazrin Shah at Stadium Indera Mulia here today.

The four-day event will see wives of elected representatives from the various States squaring off for the coveted trophy, Piala Perdana, contributed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to close the tournament and present prizes to the winners on Saturday.

The Perak Association of Wives of Elected Representatives (Baiduri) chairman, Datin Seri Kamariah Mokri, in her speech, hoped the associations from the 12 States would compete in the true spirit of sportsmanship.

The associations are from Perak, Perlis, Kedah, Penang, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, Malacca, Johor, Pahang, Sabah, Sarawak and Federal Territory. Each team is represented by 12 players.

"As the the organiser of this year's tournament, Baiduri has also invited the wives of Barisan Nasional elected representatives from Kelantan and Terengganu to be observers at the tournament," she said.

Also present were Bakti (the Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers Charity and Welfare Organisation) chairman Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and her deputy Datin Seri Endon Mahmood.