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Mahathir-Arrive

Dr M ARRIVES IN KELANTAN FOR TWO-DAY VISIT

KOTA BAHARU, Jan 15 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today for a two-day working visit to Kelantan.

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, landed at the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport in Pengkalan Chepa at 4.30pm.

Soon after arrival, Dr Mahathir proceeded to address a leader-with-the-people gathering at the Sultan Ismail College grounds attended by about 50,000 people.

Dr Mahathir is expected to deliver an important message to the Kelantan people, including explaining several current issues.

He would attend a meeting with federal government officers at a hotel here tonight.

Tomorrow, Dr Mahathir would attend another leader-with-the-people gathering at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Ayer Lanas in Jeli, about 80km from here.

At the gathering, he would present aid to the next-of-kin and victims of tiger attacks reported widely in Kelantan last year.

He would also present school uniforms and learning aids to 20 poor students.

Dr Siti Hasmah, who has a separate programme tomorrow, would open a programme themed "Family First: Love Flourishes By The Day" at Universiti Sains Malaysia in Kubang Kerian.

About 1,500 parents are expected to attend the programme.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah would return to Kuala Lumpur tomorrow.

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