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FEB 24 AND 25 DECLARED FT SCHOOL HOLIDAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH NAM

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today declared Feb 24 and 25 Feb as holiday for schools in the federal capital to help ease traffic congestion during the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit.

However, he said, the two days would have to be replaced by the affected schools as it is not a public holiday.

"Only for two days, as on those two days the heads of government and state staying in the various hotels will be coming here (PWTC), from here back to the hotels, so we're declaring the two days as a holiday," he told a media conference after inspecting the Putra World Trade Centre, the venue of the NAM Summit.

"It's not a public holiday. It is only for schools but they will have to be replaced," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that those going to the office or shopping during the duration of the NAM summit should leave home early, preferably an hour earlier because of the closure of several roads.

He said that this could prevent disruption of passage of the heads of government and state heading to the PWTC from their respective hotels.

"We want all those going to their offices and shops to leave earlier. Preferably one hour earlier so as not to cause disruption of passage of the heads of government and state, so that they can proceed from their hotels to the PWTC with ease," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that generally, he was satisfied with preparations at the PWTC, where the NAM summit will be held from Feb 20 to 25.

He said that there were only one or two things that he had pointed out to be tackled further.

"I've conducted an inspection and from the briefing just now, it looks like we've made all the arrangements to ensure the success of the summit. I feel satisfied," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that he wants the PWTC to look good inside and also outside.

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