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Sabah-Mahathir

DR M TO VISIT SABAH ON FRIDAY

KOTA KINABALU, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will make a one-day visit to Sabah on Friday.

He is expected to arrive here at 10.30am.

Soon after arrival, Chief Minister Datuk Musa Aman is scheduled to brief him on the latest developments in the state.

After the briefing, Dr Mahathir would perform Friday prayers before joining Sabah Cabinet Ministers and Barisan Nasional (BN) component party leaders for lunch, Musa told reporters upon his return from Kuala Lumpur today.

Musa, who is also Sabah Umno Chief, led a State Umno delegation for a meeting with the Umno Management Committee headed by Deputy President Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in Kuala Lumpur last night.

Musa said Dr Mahathir would open the Ninth Annual General Meeting of the United Pasok Momogun Kadazandusun Murut Organisation (UPKO) at the Sabah Cultural Centre in Penampang at about 3pm before returning to Kuala Lumpur.

Musa, who is also Sabah Umno Liaison Chief, said the party had not submitted the list of pro tem committee members of Umno divisions, youth, wanita and puteri wings to the federal Umno Management Committee.

The list would be forwarded soon, he said.

Asked on the possible changes in the list, Musa said: "There will not be many changes, only minor."

On yesterday's meeting, Musa said the Sabah Umno delegation discussed with the Management Committee on the preparations by Sabah Umno and State BN for the Sabah state election and problems faced in the state and implementation of development projects.

Musa said Abdullah was satisfied with Sabah Umno, which he described as "strong and united."

Abdullah, however, advised the State Umno to remain united and be prepared for the state election although the date had not been decided yet, he said.

He urged Umno leaders to go down to the ground to meet the people and voters to resolve the problems they faced in their areas.

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