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DR M TO PERFORM GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY OF SABAH UMNO BLDG

KOTA KINABALU, May 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will lay the foundation stone for the state Umno building on May 16.

Sabah Umno liaison chief, Datuk Abdul Rahim Ismail, said the party president had been scheduled to perform the ceremony at 3pm beside the Karamuning Bank Simpanan Nasional here.

"The public, especially Umno members are invited to witness the colourful function," he said in statement.

About 10,000 people are expected to attend the function including state Umno and Barisan Nasional component party leaders.

Dr Mahathir and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali are expected to arrive in the capital late evening on May 15.

During his visit, he is also scheduled to open the eighth Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah congress at the Keningau community hall -- 140km from here.

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