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ABDUL MALIK'S MOM CONFIDENT OF HIS SUCCESS

BUTTERWORTH, Aug 3 (Bernama) -- Mother of national marathon swimmer Abdul Malik Mydin, Jorabi Seeni Mohamed, is very confident of her son's success to be the first Malaysian to cross the English Channel.

"I am always praying for him and I am confident of his determination to succeed for Malaysia," she said when met at her house in Bagan Lebai Tahir near here today.

Jorabi said she had spoken words of support to Abdul Malik before his swim.

Abdul Malik set off from Abbots Cliff Beach, Dover, England at 2.08am (9.08am local time) for his attempt to swim the 32.8km to Cape Gris Nez in Calais, France.

As at 5.30pm local time, the 28-year-old swimmer passed the 16km mark.

Jorabi also expressed her gratitude to all parties, especially Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, for supporting Abdul Malik's dream.

Jorabi said she and her daughter were following his developments in the media and was sure that he would be able to succeed in his quest and asked all Malaysians to pray for him.

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