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PM and DPM to join 12,000 at State dinner

MALACCA, Thurs. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi are expected to join some 12,000 people at a State dinner here on Saturday.

The dinner will be held at the Malacca International Trade Centre (MITC), Ayer Keroh in conjunction with the closing ceremony of the 18th Piala Perdana badminton tournament.

The tournament is organised by Bakti (the Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers Charity and Welfare Organisation), of which Dr Mahathir's wife, Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali is president.

Also expected at the dinner is Abdullah's wife, Datuk Seri Endon Mahmood, Cabinet Ministers, Menteri Besar and other Barisan Nasional leaders.

Organising committee chairman Datuk Amid Nordin said the dinner is scheduled to start at 8pm.