

06/08/2003

PM, DPM to greet Malik at KLIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi are expected to receive Abdul Malik Mydin when the swimmer returns home on Friday.

He is scheduled to leave London at 10pm (local time) on Thursday via Malaysia Airlines and arrive at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport at 5.30pm (Malaysian time) the next day. Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein is also expected to receive the swimmer.

Meanwhile, Malik received congratulatory letters from Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirrajuddin and the Prime Minister.

The letters were handed to him by Malaysian High Commission officials in London today.

In his letter, the Prime Minister said: "My wife and I congratulate you on your successful swim across the English Channel. It is not an easy challenge to undertake especially with the cold weather, waves as high as 2m and strong currents.

"Only with strength and perseverance can one succeed.

"I am proud of your achievement and so are the people of Malaysia."