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#### Dr Mahathir visits Langkawi projects

LANGKAWI, Sat. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad may be on leave but that didn't prevent him from checking on development on this resort island today.

It was family first when Dr Mahathir, accompanied by Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, arrived in Alor Star early this morning en route to Langkawi.

They visited his sister, Rafeah, 90, at her home in Jalan Pegawai.

Then they departed from the Sultan Abdul Halim airport in Kepala Batas and touched down at Langkawi International airport here about 10.45am.

Dr Mahathir visited Galeria Perdana in Kilim to inspect the construction of two additional building blocks worth about RM24 million.

The buildings will house a gift shop with over 8,000 gift and souvenir items, surau, cafeteria and laboratory facility to maintain the souvenir items.

A 150-seater auditorium is also under construction.

Accompanying the Prime Minister on his visit here were Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, Langkawi Member of Parliament Datuk Abu Bakar Taib, Langkawi Development Authority general manager Datuk Anwar Abdul Rahman and District Officer Rasli Basir.

Dr Mahathir, who drove a SUV from the airport, then visited Kuah jetty briefly before stopping at the Wavemaster luxury yacht and vessel repair and modification facility in Tanjung Lembung, where he had lunch on the ship Obsessions.

He then inspected the RM40 million 'Harbour Park Langkawi' project under construction at Pantai Kok.

The project, which sports Mediterranean design influences on a 12-hectare site, will have facilities such as a hotel, boutique and apartments.

Project consultant Datuk Azhar Mansor, who is the first Malaysian to sail around the world solo, briefed Dr Mahathir on the development.

The Prime Minister then went up a six-storey lighthouse at the project site, which is nearing completion, to record the surrounding scenery with a digital camera.

Dr Mahathir then made a brief stop at the Kampung Tok Senik resort before departing for Kuala Lumpur.