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Dr M and Siti Hasmah watch son take part in Merdeka endurance race ..LD:

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali yesterday visited the Sepang International Circuit yesterday to witness the 2003 Merdeka Millennium Endurance Race.

The couple, who had lunch at the SIC, viewed the race in which their son, Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir, was racing.

Mokhzani drove a Crest Jaseri Porsche GT3 with Alex Yoong and Faizal Hakimi Jaafar.

Accompanying Dr Mahathir on the visit was Mokhzani's wife Datin Mastisa Mohamed, his children and relatives.

Present at the circuit were Second Finance Minister Datuk Dr Jamaludin Jarjis, Sapura Holdings president and chief executive officer Datuk Shahril Shamsuddin and SIC general manager Ahmad Mustaffa.

The race, in its fourth year, saw three drivers taking turns to complete the 5.543-km circuit in 12 hours.

There were 77 cars racing in four categories of the race.