

04/01/2003

PM and wife on private visit to Langkawi

LANGKAWI, Fri. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali arrived here today for an overnight private visit.

They were accompanied by two of their grandchildren, Engku Anisha Edlene Che Wan Mohd Adlil, 15, and her younger sister Engku Zehan Edreena, 13. The two girls are daughters of Dr Mahathir, and Dr Siti Hasmah's daughter, Melinda Mahathir.

Upon their arrival at the Langkawi International airport here, they visited the Oriental Village shopping and restaurant complex at Burau Bay.

They then boarded a cable car from the Oriental village to the peak of the 708-metre Gunung Machinchang.

The Prime Minister is a regular visitor to the cable car project, a brainchild of his following a trip by helicopter over the mountain in 1999.

The project, which was operational on Nov 1 last year, covers a distance of 2.2 km on 35 six-seater gondolas. The ride costs RM15 for adults and RM10 for children.

The view from the top extends over the Andaman Sea and the Thai islands of Turatao and Satun.