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JOHOR BAHRU, AUG 28 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO DEFINITE PLANS TO EXPAND THE JOHOR CAUSEWAY DESPITE TALK THAT SUCH PLANS WERE IN THE OFFING, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER MEETING STATE BARISAN NASIONAL LEADERS AT ISTANA STULANG HERE.

VARIOUS QUARTERS, INCLUDING JOHOR MENTERI BESAR HAJI MUHYIDDIN YASSIN AND JOHOR BAHRU MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT DATUK SHAHRIR SAMAD, HAD APPEALED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE CAUSEWAY TO OVERCOME TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN, SAID HE BRIEFED THE MEETING ON CURRENT ISSUES AND ANSWERED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ON PARTY MATTERS APART FROM LOOKING INTO DEVELOPMENTS IN JOHOR AFTER THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN APRIL.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA-DR SITI HASMAH ALI, ENDED THEIR TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO JOHOR WITH A VISIT TO THE TOUR BUSES COMPLEX AT THE TANJUNG PUTERI CUSTOMS COMPLEX HERE. -- MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER SPENT NEARLY AN HOUR AT THE COMPLEX AND WAS BRIEFED BY STATE IMMIGRATION DIRECTOR ENCIK ABU KASSIM SALLEH AND STATE CUSTOMS DIRECTOR ENCIK AHMAD PADZLI MOHYIDEEN.

HE ALSO TOOK A LOOK AT CHECKS ON PASSPORTS AND LUGGAGE BELONGING TO TOURISTS ENTERING THE COUNTRY CONDUCTED AT THE COMPLEX AND LATER VISITED THE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE ALSO AT THE COMPLEX.

PRESENT WERE MENTERI BESAR HAJI MUHYIDDIN YASSIN, INFORMATION MINISTER DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT, IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION UNIT DIRECTOR-GENERAL ENCIK ZAINOL MAHMUD, STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

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