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DR MAHATHIR ATTENDS UMNO ANNIVERSARY "TAHLIL"

KUALA LUMPUR, May 10 (Bernama) -- Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad this evening attended the Tahlil Perdana prayers in conjunction with the 50th anniversary celebration of Umno at the National Mosque here.

Its Deputy President Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and other top party leaders also joined more than 2,000 Umno members at the "tahlil" prayers.

The prayers began with "solat hajat" followed by "solat asar", "tahlil" and "doa".

The "tahlil" prayers were held to express gratitude for the birth of Umno and continuity in its struggles during the last 50 years in the country.

Later, Dr Mahathir, Anwar and other leaders visited the graves of former Prime Ministers Tun Abdul Razak Hussein and Tun Hussein Onn and former Deputy Prime Minister Tun Dr Ismail Datuk Abdul Rahman at Makam Pahlawan, situated in the mosque compound. -- BERNAMA

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