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DR MAHATHIR CALLS FOR DRAINAGE STUDY

KUALA LUMPUR, March 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has urged state governments to conduct drainage and irrigation study at every housing project to prevent floods and landslips.

He raised the matter when chairing the 75th meeting of Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers at the Prime Minister's Department here.

The meeting was attended by Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers of all states except Kelantan and Sarawak. Sarawak was represented by Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Wong Soon Kai while Kelantan was unrepresented.

Cabinet Ministers also attended the meeting to allow related issues to be jointly discussed to facilitate the streamlining of projects at state-level.

A press statement from the Prime Minister's Office issued after the meeting said other issues discussed were efforts to control inflation including through the Zero Inflation Campaign.

The Prime Minister also reminded the state governments on the need to safeguard the interest of the lower income group through stabilisation of prices as well as speeding up the issuing of certificates of finess and strata titles.

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