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EIGHT MORE PARTICIPANTS RECITE VERSES ON FOURTH NIGHT

IPOH, Nov 3 (Bernama) -- Eight more participants, four qari and four qariah, recited verses from the Quran on the fourth night of the national Tilawatil Quran Reading Competition here tonight.

The men were Baharom bin Ibrahim (Pulau Pinang), Noor bin Ibrahim (Selangor), Sapawi bin Naim (Sabah) and Dahri bin Bigek (Sarawak).

The woman participants comprised Sahrom binte Othman (Perlis), Maimun binte Harun (Negeri Sembilan), Hanisah binte Abdullah (Johor) and Fatimah binte Ali (Pahang).

Tonight's participants represent the last eight of the 27 participants from the various states who have been taking part in the competition since Thursday.

Defending national champions Haji Mohamad Awang Teh and Hajah Rahmas Abdullah are not taking part this time.

His Royal Highness Sultan Azlan Shah of Perak will give away the prizes tomorrow night.

This afternoon the participants and members of the organising committee attended a luncheon hosted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Also present at the luncheon were Perak Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman and Director-General of the Islamic Affairs Division in the Prime Minister's Department Brig Jen Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin. --
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