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Leaders

KEDAH UMNO LEADERS MEET PM

KUALA LUMPUR, March 30 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad met Kedah Umno state assemblymen and Members of Parliament, here, this morning.

Jerlun MP Datuk Hanafi Ramli, when met while leaving the Prime Minister's Department, said the prime minister met the MPs and state assemblymen separately.

However, he declined to comment on what was discussed at the meetings.

Last Sunday 22 Kedah state assemblymen signed and announced a memorandum to Dr Mahathir as Umno president, expressing their support for Datuk Sri Osman Aroff as Kedah Menteri Besar and opposing any move to replace him with former Agriculture Minister Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid.

They later expressed their intention to apologise to Dr Mahathir for making the announcement without going through the proper channel.

Meanwhile, Alor Merah state assemblyman Ahmad Bashah, when met at the department's main gate, said only 20 of the 22 state assemblymen who signed the memorandum attended the meeting.

He said the state assemblymen's meeting with the prime minister lasted about an hour.

Dr Mahathir later left his office about noon to meet Cambodian First Prime Minister Prince Putera Norodom Ranariddh at Carcosa Seri Negara.

He smiled and waved to reporters waiting at the main gate for news on the meeting. -- Bernama

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