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"TAHLIL" TO COMMEMORATE UMNO'S INCEPTION

JOHOR BAHRU, May 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim are to attend "tahlil" prayers at Istana Besar here in commemoration of Umno's inception at the palace 50 years ago and to reminiscent the struggles of past Umno leaders.

Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said today Umno vice-presidents', supreme council members and state Umno Liaison chiefs are also expected to attend the prayers.

The supreme council gave the "greenlight" recently to hold the prayers at Istana Besar Johor Baharu, the birthplace of Umno, he told reporters, here.

"I have held an audience with the Johor Sultan and he has consented for the prayers to be held at the istana," he said, adding that the Johor Umno Liaison Committee has yet to fix the date. -- BERNAMA

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