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MAHATHIR OPENS 51st MIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today opened the 51st MIC general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

Dr Mahathir, who is the Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, is also expected to honour the Everest team with cash rewards from the MIC.

Among those who will receive the awards are M. Magendran and N. Mohanadas, the first two Malaysians to plant the Malaysian flag on the 8,848-metre peak on May 23.

Also present were leaders and representatives of BN component parties.

The two-day meeting, which is being held simultaneously with the party election, is being attended by more than 1,300 delegates.

At stake are the post of three vice-presidents and the 23 seats in the Central Working Committee (CWC).

MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu and deputy president Datuk S. Subramaniam were returned unopposed on July 19. -- BERNAMA

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