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Mahathir-Cabinet

MINISTERS HOLD MEETING AT RESORT FOLLOWED BY JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

BUKIT TINGGI, Feb 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, his deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and other ministers today travelled to the Bukit Tinggi Resort near Janda Baik for this week's cabinet meeting.

Dr Mahathir told reporters later that it was a normal cabinet meeting where several matters were discussed.

"Actually, last week we talked about the Japanese tea ceremony as an event that can teach us about discipline.

"We felt it would be good if we held a tea ceremony to enable to see how the Japanese are able to discipline themselves," he said.

The Prime Minister said it was then decided that all ministers should attend the ceremony and they agreed that an appropriate place was the Tea House at the Bukit Tinggi Resort.

"It's not right that we go there just to watch the tea ceremony, so it's better to hold the cabinet meeting in Bukit Tinggi," he said.

Today's meeting was followed by lunch after which the cabinet members took part in the tea ceremony along with Pahang Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob.

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