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AGONG ATTENDS PRAYERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MAAL HIJRAH

KUALA LUMPUR, April 27 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Ja'afar, tonight attended prayers at the National Mosque here in conjunction with Maal Hijrah, the Islamic new year.

Also present were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman and Department of Islamic Advancement director-general Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin.

Muslim officials from foreign diplomatic missions also attended the prayers.

The ceremony began with the reading of the end-of-the-year prayer before Maghrib, and later the start-of-the-year prayer. It ended with tahlil, the reciting of religious verses.

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