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DR MAHATHIR MEETS UMNO LEADERS OVER ANWAR'S ISSUE

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today held a closed-door meeting with Umno members to explain to them the reasons for Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's dismissal from the cabinet and the party.

The meeting, attended by some 3,500 representatives of all the Umno divisions, started at 5.10pm.

Anwar was removed as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance last Wednesday and expelled from Umno the following day.

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