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DR MAHATHIR VISITS LABUAN AND MEETS UMNO LEADERS

LABUAN, Aug 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight met Labuan Umno leaders to explain to them among others the country's economic situation.

Present at the 90-minute meeting were Umno Information Chief Datuk Dr Yusof Nor, Kuala Lumpur Federal Territory Umno Chief Datuk Drs Suleiman Mohamed who is also Deputy Information Minister and Labuan Umno divisional chief Abdul Mulok Awang Damit.

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, is on a two-day visit to the island.

Before the closed door meeting, the Prime Minister and his wife attended a dinner. Also present were Umno leaders and those from the other Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to tour the island tomorrow including the new RM138 million airport and the government complex at Kiamsam.

He would meet the people after the Friday prayers before flying to Kota Kinabalu later in the day.

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