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MAHATHIR CHAIRS SPECIAL CABINET MEETING

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad chaired a special Cabinet meeting this morning that discussed measures to tackle the economic downturn faced by the country.

The meeting began at 9am and ministers were seen leaving the Prime Minister's Department at 10.45am.

The Cabinet holds regular meetings on Wednesdays but there had been special meetings held on other days to discuss specific matters such the Budget.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to appear in a special interview on the nation's economic situation at 3pm which will be carried 'live' by RTM's radio and television channels.

An aide to the Prime Minister said Dr Mahathir would be interviewed by a panel comprising New Straits Times Press Group Editor-in-Chief Datuk A. Kadir Jasin, Bernama Acting Executive Editor Yong Soo Heong and Public Bank Berhad's Economics Division Director Nasaruddin Arshad.

Dr Mahathir is expected to hold a press conference after the interview.

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