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MBS, CMS briefed on efforts to tackle slowdown

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today discussed the Government's efforts in resolving the economic problems affecting the country with Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers.

A statement issued by the Prime Minister's Department said this was among issues discussed at the 77th Meeting of Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers which Dr Mahathir chaired.

All Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers were present, except Kelantan, Sarawak and Johor. Several Cabinet Ministers also attended the meeting.

The meeting also discussed the role of the Federal and State Governments to step up domestic food production, reduce imports and on the need for local industries to increase exports.

Also discussed was the plan to supply water from Pahang to Selangor and the Federal Territory and a proposal on the cleaning up of oil spills along the coastal areas and in Malaysian waters.

"They also stressed the importance of every authority at Federal and State level taking measures to encourage local industries to step up exports," the statement said.

The meeting which began at 2.45pm was also attended by Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali and Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah.

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