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Cabinet-Putrajaya

CABINET HOLDS FIRST MEETING IN PUTRAJAYA

PUTRAJAYA, June 23 (Bernama) -- The Cabinet today held its first weekly meeting at the new federal administrative capital here, 40 km from Kuala Lumpur.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad chaired the meeting which started at 9.35 am and was attended by all ministers.

The meeting was historic in that for the first time the government made decisions from here.

For the past 42 years since Independence government decisions came from Bukit Perdana in Jalan Datuk Onn which has been synonymous with the Prime Minister's Department.

Dr Mahathir started operating from his new office here on Monday.

The ultra-modern and striking Prime Minister's Department complex is situated in a surrounding of equally breathtaking view.

Estimatedly, Dr Mahathir himself had chaired 1,000 cabinet meetings at Jalan Dato Onn since becoming prime minister in 1981.

After chairing the last cabinet meeting there last week, Dr Mahathir said it had been proposed that the Jalan Datuk Onn complex be made a museum.

Putrajaya has been designed to be a smart township sprawling over 4,581 ha adjacent to the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC), where Cyberjaya, the world's first intelligent city is also located.

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