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Polling-Mahathir

DR MAHATHIR CASTS HIS BALLOTS AT TITI GAJAH

ALOR SETAR, Nov 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad cast his ballots at the polling station at Sekolah Kebangsaan Titi Gajah, near here.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president and Barisan Nasional chairman, arrived at the school at 10.30am, accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

Votes cast at the polling station are for the Pokok Sena parliamentary and Langgar state seats.

Dr Mahathir is defending his Kubang Pasu parliamentary seat which he held since 1974.

He is being challenged by former PAS information chief Subky Latif, who is a staff journalist of PAS' organ Harakah.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to leave for Kuala Lumpur this afternoon.

In PULAU PINANG, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi cast his ballots at the polling station at Sekolah Kebangsaan Permatang Bertam in Kepala Batas

Abdullah, accompanied by his son, Kamaluddin, arrived at the school at 9.50am.

His mother, Datin Khailan Hassan, cast her votes at the same polling centre earlier.

Abdullah then proceeded on his rounds of the polling centres in the state.

Abdullah is defending his Kepala Batas parliamentary seat and is facing PAS' Abdul Khalid Rasid, a businessman and a member of the Kepala Batas PAS divisional committee.

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