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Umno-Tahlil

DR MAHATHIR ATTENDS TAHLIL ON UMNO'S 53RD ANNIVERSARY

KUALA LUMPUR, May 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad this evening attended a tahlil held in conjunction with Umno's 53rd anniversary celebrations, at the party's headquarters at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), here.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is Umno vice president and carrying out the duties of the party's deputy president, Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, who is an Umno vice president, and other members of the Umno Supreme Council.

They had gathered earlier to perform the Maghrib prayers.

A flag-raising ceremony to mark the anniversary was held this morning. Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, inspected the guard-of-honour mounted by 100 members of the Umno Youth brigade and the Wanita Umno brigade before raising the flag at the PWTC Square.

In PULAU PINANG, some 1,000 Umno members in the state attended a tahlil at the Rest House this evening.

Among those present were State Assembly Speaker Datuk Yahya Abdul Hamid, Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Mohamed Shariff Omar, state executive councillors from Umno and Umno divisional leaders.

They later performed the Maghrib prayers and then gathered at a feast. The function was organised by the state Umno liaison body.

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