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Dr Mahathir leads Umno's 53rd anniversary celebration

PRIME Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and other party leaders celebrated Umno's 53rd anniversary at the Putra World Trade Centre square in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

The ceremony began with the reciting of the "doa" by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman.

Dr Mahathir then inspected a guard of honour comprising 100 members of Umno Youth and Wanita Umno. He was accompanied by acting Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein and Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman.

After that, Dr Mahathir raised the Umno flag to the accompaniment of party songs sung by the Umno choir.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister and Umno vice president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is performing the duties of deputy president, Umno vice president and Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak as well as other members of the Umno Supreme Council.

In the evening, Dr Mahathir attended a tahlil held in conjunction with Umno's 53rd anniversary celebrations at the party's headquarters.

Also present were Abdullah, Najib, and other Supreme Council members. They had gathered earlier to perform Maghrib prayers.

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