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DR MAHATHIR, WIFE ATTEND PANEL DISCUSSION ON "GRATITUDE"

JITRA, July 19 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali were among more than 5,000 people who attended a religious forum at the IKS Padang in Napoh near here tonight.

The Prime Minister and Dr Siti Hasmah listened to the entire panel discussion on "Gratitude" which ran into more than two hours.

The forum was moderated by Shafie Jalil of the Population and Family Development Board and the panelists were the Director-General of the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia Datuk Dr Ismail Ibrahim, Dr Mahsifah Ibrahim of the International Islamic University and Jaafar Ismail of the Kedah Islamic Affairs Department.

The forum was sponsored by Edaran Otomobil Nasional Berhad (EON) with the cooperation of the Islamic Affairs Department and RTM.

Dr Mahathir arrived here today for a two-day visit to his homestate.

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