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Mahathir-Umno (Observers)

FOREIGN OBSERVERS CALL ON DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, June 18 (Bernama) -- Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today received courtesy calls by foreign political observers after the opening of the party's 53rd general assembly here.

The foreign observers were present at the invitation of Umno Supreme Council.

The observers were from Indonesia, Singapore, Cuba, North Korea, Bosnia Herzegovina, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Iraq, Sudan, China and Philippines.

They called on the Prime Minister at Bilik Perdana, which is adjacent to Dewan Merdeka where the four-day assembly in the Putra World Trade Centre is held.

The foreign observers were impressed by the spirit and dedication shown by Umno members.

They also said they believed in Umno's capability to lead the Barisan Nasional.

Myanmar Education Minister U Thant Aung said he was impressed by Dr Mahathir's leadership in leading the party and the country.

He hoped relations between Malaysia and Myanmar could be strengthened further.

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