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MAHATHIR ATTENDS UMNO 53RD ANNIVERSARY BASH

KUALA LUMPUR, May 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad attended the party's 53rd anniversary celebration at Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) square here today.

The brief ceremony began with Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman reciting the doa, followed by Dr Mahathir inspecting a guard of honour mounted by 100 members of the Umno Youth and women's wing brigade.

Dr Mahathir then 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, fellow vice president and Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak as well as other members of Umno Supreme Council.

A tahlil function will be held at the Umno headquarters tonight to mark the anniversary.

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