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MAHATHIR LAUNCHES ANTI-DEFAMATION OPERATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today launched the party's anti-defamation operation at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here.

The operation followed an Umno Supreme Council decision last month to embark on an all-out offensive against defamatory statements by the opposition.

Last night, Dr Mahathir, who chaired the latest supreme council meeting, told reporters later that the operation would counter lies rampantly spread by the opposition.

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