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MOHAMED RAHMAT SAYS PM HAPPY WITH UMNO AND BN UNITY IN JOHOR

JOHOR BA HARU, May 21 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who held a three-hour meeting with Johor Umno and BN leaders here today, was satisfied with the unity that prevailed among them.

Based on this, Mohamed said, Dr Mahathir, who is also BN chairman, expressed optimism that the coalition would continue to remain in power in Johor after the next general election.

Dr Mahathir, who was on the second day of his two-day visit to Johor, met the state Umno and BN leaders behind closed doors since 9am today.

Also present were Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, Health Minister Datuk Chua Jui Meng, Deputy Home Minister Datuk Ong Ka Ting Ting and Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Deputy Minister Datuk S. Subramaniam.

Mohamed said Dr Mahathir reminded the state leaders it was crucial for them to make early preparations in order to secure victory in the coming general election due anytime before June next year.

The prime minister also enlighten the meeting on various issues, Mohamed added.

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