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AGONG ATTENDS 185TH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF RULERS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 23 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah today attended the 185th meeting of the Conference of Rulers at Istana Negara, here.

He was accompanied by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to the meeting which ended today. The meeting began yesterday.

According to a statement issued by the Keeper of the Rulers' Seal, Engku Datuk Ibrahim Engku Ngah the meeting was chaired by the Sultan of Pahang, Sultan Ahmad Shah.

The statement said that among others, the meeting discussed national policies, appointments and religious matters.

The meeting was attended by all the Malay Rulers except the Raja of Perlis who was represented by Tengku Syarif Bendahara Datuk Seri Diraja Syed Badaruddin Ibni Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullial, the Sultan of Kedah who was represented by the Raja Muda, Tunku Abdul Malik Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Badlishah and the Sultan of Johor who was represented by the Tunku Mahkota, Tunku Ibrahim Ismail Ibni Sultan Iskandar. Selangor was represented by the Regent, Tengku Idris Shah.

All the Yang Dipertuas Negeri were present. Also present were all the Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers who accompanied the Rulers and the Yang Dipertuas negeri.

Meanwhile, a spokesman of Istana Negara said that Dr Mahathir gave a special briefing which lasted an hour at the meeting.

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