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FPDA DEFENCE MINISTERS CALL ON DR MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, July 3 (Bernama) -- Singapore Defence Minister Dr Tony Tan, Australian Defence Minister John Moore, New Zealand Defence Minister Mark Burton and British Deputy Defence Minister Dr Lewis Moonie called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

They were accompanied by Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak at the one-hour meeting at the Prime Minister's office, here.

Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and Britain are members of the Five Power Defence Arrangement (FPDA)

A meeting of the FPDA is being held in Singapore.

An air and maritime exercise (Adex) under the FPDA is also being conducted in the republic.

Dr Mahathir was briefed on the ongoing Adex at the meeting and the current regional security situation.

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