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MAHATHIR ARRIVES IN IPOH TO ATTEND UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

IPOH, July 3 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here this afternoon to attend the Umno Supreme Council meeting, held for the first time outside the federal capital.

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, was greeted on arrival at the Sultan Azlan Shah Airport by some 1,000 members of the Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Diraja Tajol Rosli Ghazali and state executive councillors were present.

Dr Mahathir then proceeded to the Menteri Besar's official residence in Jalan Tambun to chair the Supreme Council meeting.

The meeting will be attended for the first time by the 10 newly appointed Supreme Council members.

The list of the 10 newly appointed members comprises five new faces -- Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad, former Deputy Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Idris Jusoh, Wanita Umno exco member Datuk Dr Nurraesah Mohamad who is Bank Rakyat chairman, Umno Youth information chief Azimi Daim and lawyer Azalina Othman Said.

The Supreme Council has decided to hold its fortnightly meeting in rotation in the party headquarters in the federal capital and in the various states to enable the party leaders to get better acquainted with members and the situation in the states.

Meanwhile, Dr Siti Hasmah is scheduled to have a separate programme.

Dr Siti Hasmah, who is the president of the Charity Body of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti), will watch a friendly badminton match between Bakti, the Charity Body of Wives of Perak State Representatives (Baiduri), Charity Body of Wives of Selangor Elected Representatives (Balkis) and the Perak Puspanita branch, at the multipurpose hall in the compound of the Menteri Besar's residence.

Dr Mahathir will later attend a tea party at the Menteri Besar's residence attended by the Supreme Council members and state Umno liaison committee members.

Tonight, he and Dr Siti Hasmah will attend a dinner hosted by Tajol Rosli at his residence.

It will also be attended by the Supreme Council members and state dignitaries.

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