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MAHATHIR CHAIRS BARISAN NASIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

KUALA LUMPUR, July 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today chaired a Barisan Nasional (BN) Supreme Council meeting, which among other things, discussed applications by several parties to join the ruling coalition.

The meeting, starting at 9 am, was held at the Umno headquarters at Menara Datuk Onn of the Putra World Trade Centre here.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir, who is also BN chairman, told reporters that the meeting would also discuss problems, including issues between component parties and the government and differences among them, which could undermine the BN.

The BN is a 14-party coalition comprising peninsula-based Umno, MCA, MIC, Gerakan and PPP, Sabah-based SAPP, Akar, PBRS, LDP, and UPKO and Sarawak-based PBB, SNAP, PBDS and SUPP.

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