

Dr M launches meet-the-people session in Gombak

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today launched the national-level meet-the-people session at Kampung Sungai Mulia in Gombak.

The Prime Minister arrived at 4.20pm and went for *Asar* prayers at the kampung mosque.

Accompanied by a large crowd and led by musicians of different races, he then proceeded to the launch site where he was greeted by the people.

Dr Mahathir signed several posters of himself handed to him by children as he stood on stage while

a choir performed.

There was a light moment when Dr Mahathir was invited to strike a large gong three times to mark the launch. On his first strike, he sent the gong and its stand reeling backwards much to the delight of the crowd and those on the stage,

including Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

Dr Mahathir then toured the exhibition area.

During his tour, the crowd was treated to a show of Royal Malaysian Air Force parachutists gliding to the site.

He then had refreshment with the kampung folk. A lion dance troupe then led Dr Mahathir to his car as people of all races lined up to shake his hand.