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DR MAHATHIR MEETS MELAKA UMNO LEADERS

MELAKA, July 17 (Bernama) -- Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today held a meeting with state Umno leaders at the official residence of Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohamed Ali Rustam, at Seri Bendahara, Bukit Peringgit.

Earlier, the Prime Minister and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali who arrived at Seri Bendahara at 8.40am, had breakfast with the Umno leaders there.

Dr Siti Hasmah had a meeting with the Melaka State Assemblymen's Wives Association (Bestari) chaired by the Chief Minister's wife, Datin Wira Asmah Abdul Rahman.

Dr Mahathir and wife were later entertained at a simple ceremony to celebrate their birthdays at the guest room of the Chief Minister's residence.

Dr Mahathir was born on July 10 and Dr Siti Hasmah on July 12 and the celebration was also to mark Dr Mahathir's 20th year as Prime Minister on July 16.

From Seri Bendahara, Dr Mahathir later proceeded to Bukit Baru to officially open the Melaka-Manipal Medical College at Batu Hampar.

The Prime Minister is on a two-day official visit to Melaka beginning yesterday.

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