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Mahathir-Birthday

DR MAHATHIR'S BIRTHDAY WISH - TO SEE M'SIA PEACEFUL ALWAYS

CHANGLOON, Dec 20 (Bernama) -- Malaysia must remain peaceful, develop well and no enmity among the people are Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's birthday wishes as the prime minister turns 76 today.

Dr Mahathir was born on Dec 20, 1925 in his ancestral home at No 18, Lorong Kilang Ais, Kampung Seberang Perak in Alor Setar.

To celebrate his birthday, Dr Mahathir received a cake from a company when he and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali were attending a wedding at Felda Batu Lapan community hall here.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah joined the newly-wed couple Naritashema Shamsudin, 23, and Syed Rizan Syed Nordin, 24, to cut the cake.

The bride is the daughter of Kubang Pasu Umno division secretary Shamsudin Ahmad. Dr Mahathir is the division head.

The prime minister said he had never hosted any function to celebrate his birthday.

"Others have organised functions for me. My birthday is just like any other day," he said.

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