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DR MAHATHIR ATTENDS LUNCHEON IN BALIK PULAU

BALIK PULAU, June 29 (Bersama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, today joined about 2,500 people and leaders for lunch in conjunction with his visit here.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his wife, Datin Seri Endon Mahmood, Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamed, Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, his deputy, Datuk Dr Hilmi Haji Yahya and their wives.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir attended a closed-door meeting with committee members of the Balik Pulau Umno division, heads of the Umno branches, and the Bayan Baru and Balik Pulau Umno Wanita and Youth heads.

The Prime Minister, who is on a two-day visit to the state, performed Friday prayers at the Seberang Jaya Mosque.

He is expected to receive Umno membership application forms in Kampung Pertama, Permatang Pauh before meeting committee members of the Bukit Mertajam and Permatang Pauh Umno divisions as well as heads of Umno branches, Youth and Wanita movements of both divisions at Politeknik Seberang Perai.

Dr Mahathir will return to Kuala Lumpur in the evening.

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