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DR MAHATHIR MEETS KUANTAN, PAYA BESAR UMNO LEADERS

KUANTAN, March 15 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today held a meeting with the leaders and members of the Paya Besar and Kuantan Umno divisions.

The two-hour meeting at Wisma Belia, Bandar Indera Mahkota, near here was attended by about 2,000 Umno members.

Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob, Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Minister of National Unity and Social Development Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman were also present.

Later at a tea party, Dr Mahathir mingled with the Umno members and exchanged pleasantries.

Dr Mahathir driving his own Proton Perdana arrived at the Wisma Belia Dewan at about 3.30pm as part of his day-long visit to Pahang.

Earlier the Prime Minister met Umno members in Lipis and Raub and then flew by helicopter to Kuantan.

It is learnt that Malay unity was the main subject in Dr Mahathir's meetings with the various divisional Umno leaders and members.

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