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HADI KEEN TO SEE PM TO DISCUSS STATE-FEDERAL TIES

KUALA TERENGGANU, May 16 (Bernama) -- Terengganu Menteri Besar Abdul Hadi Awang said he looks forward to meeting the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to discuss ties between the opposition-run state and the federal government.

According to Abdul Hadi, he had written two letters to the prime minister on the matter and was still awaiting response.

The state needed to discuss various matters relating to cooperation with the federal government, he told reporters after chairing the weekly state executive council meeting here today.

Abdul Hadi was also asked about his absence from the launching of the latest unit trust fund, Amanah Saham Didik, by the Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi here last Monday.

The menteri besar replied that the function coincided with the meeting of the organising committee for the Sultan of Terengganu's birthday celebrations which he chaired.

"The date for the committee meeting was fixed much earlier than the date for the deputy prime minister's function," he said.

Abdul Hadi had reportedly said that he was prepared to attend Umno-held functions if invited.

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