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ILO CHIEF MEETS DR MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, Aug 23 (Bernama) -- The Director-General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Juan Somavia called on Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Prime Minister's office here today.

Accompanied by the Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn and Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) president Senator Zainal Rampak, Somavia spent an hour with Dr Mahathir.

Speaking to reporters later, Somavia said they discussed ILO's current direction and strategies covering employment creation, promotion of workers, and enhancing social dialogues between the government, employers and employees.

Somavia said they also discussed effects of globalisation on the labour market and blockages that might hinder weaker groups from getting jobs.

Potential projects for joint development by the ILO and the Human Resources Ministry were also discussed, he added.

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