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MAHATHIR CHAIRS MEETING OF MENTERIS BESAR

PUTRAJAYA, Nov 8 (Bernama) -- A meeting of Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers here today discussed efforts to improve coordination between the federal government and state governments in the implementation of projects and development programmes.

They also discussed the need to have a work procedure to make it easier for the public to deal with the government, according to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office.

The 84th Meeting of Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers was chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and also attended by his deputy, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Another matter discussed at the three-hour meeting was the efforts to encourage the people to spend within the country, said the statement.

Also raised at the meeting were measures to overcome the floods problem in Kuala Lumpur and control development in hill slopes.

The Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers of all the states, except Kelantan and Terengganu, attended the meeting.

Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim, when met by reporters, said Dr Mahathir told the state governments to enforce the regulations against development along hill slopes.

He said the meeting also discussed about development in the states including efforts to speed up payments for projects that had been completed.

The federal government's directive to states to spend funds channelled to them for research, rural projects and other purposes was also discussed, he added.

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