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MAHATHIR ARRIVES FOR UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

MELAKA, Jan 22 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived here today to chair an Umno Supreme Council meeting, the second to be held outside Kuala Lumpur.

The council's first meeting outside the federal capital was held in Ipoh in July last year.

Today's meeting at the Graha Umno here was scheduled to start at 3.30 pm, an hour after Dr Mahathir officially opened the RM12-million eight-storey complex at Jalan Hang Tuah.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir was met on arrival at the venue by Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohamed Arli Rustam, state executive councillors and heads of department.

Today's meeting was expected to fix the dates for party branch and division meetings as well as for the proposed Umno-PAS Malay unity talks and the closure of University of Malaya's matriculation centre.

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