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PM leads by example yet again as he walks down 35 flights

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - He could have waited for the power to be restored or for the emergency lift, but he chose not to.

Instead, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad took the option of walking down 35 floors after a power failure at the Umno headquarters at Menara Dato Onn.

The power failure, believed to have been caused by a faulty fuse, occurred about 5.29pm while Dr Mahathir was chairing the Barisan Nasional Supreme Council meeting.

However, not all floors of Menara Dato Onn were affected and the meeting, held on the 39th floor proceeded, albeit without the use of microphones. The main entrance to the building is located on the fourth floor.

Dr Mahathir, who had the option of waiting for an emergency lift, decided that the stairs were no obstacle and took off with his bodyguards hurrying behind.

Other ministers and more than 20 journalists also followed suit.

Some decided to take the easy way out and waited for the emergency lift.

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