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PM MEETS PARIT BUNTAR AND BAGAN SERAI UMNO MEMBERS

PARIT BUNTAR, April 6 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had a meeting with Parit Buntar and Bagan Serai Umno division members at Dewan Merdeka, here, today.

The prime minister explained current party issues at the closed-door meeting which lasted about two hours.

He was accompanied by Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali, Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob and Deputy Home Minister Datuk Zainal Abidin Zin.

Present were Parit Buntar Umno division head Abdul Rahman Sulaiman and Bagan Serai Umno division head Datuk Qamarulzaman Ismail.

The Umno president was escorted for 2km to the meeting hall by about 400 Umno Youth members on motorbikes.

After the meeting, he presented a contribution to Suhaya Abdul Rahman, 35, widow of former Parit Buntar Umno division secretary Yusoff Ahmd, who died of a heart attack on March 17. The amount was not disclosed.

He later had lunch with the people in the Dewan Seri Kerian compound.

Dr Mahathir performed Friday prayers at the Parit Buntar district mosque before departing for Parit in a helicopter.

In PARIT, Dr Mahathir held a 90-minute closed-door meeting with about 2,000 members of Umno branches in the Parit and Beruas divisions at the Parit district council hall.

Despite the heavy rain while the meeting was in progress, the party members turned up in full force to greet Dr Mahathir.

After the meeting, Dr Mahathir had tea with the people before proceeding to Ipoh to attend a dinner at the banquet hall of the Perak Darul Ridzuan building.

In line with the people-friendly concept promoted by the government, Dr Mahathir dined with village heads, penghulus and state Barisan Nasional (BN) component party leaders.

Some 700 guests from all strata of society, including representatives from non-governmental organisations attended the dinner.

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