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Mahathir-Arrival

PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES IN JITRA FOR BREAKING OF FAST

ALOR SETAR, Dec 13 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, arrived here this evening to break the fast with the local people at the Al-Aqla Mosque in Jitra.

He was received at the Sultan Abdul Halim Airport in Kepala Batas by Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, State Executive Councillors and state Barisan Nasional leaders.

The Prime Minister accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali then went to the Jitra Hospital where they distributed gifts to the patients there.

Earlier while having a rest at the airport Bunga Raya Room, Dr Mahathir had a pleasant surprise when a group of Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) students presented a memorandum expressing support for the Government under his leadership.

The handing over of the memorandum of support, the first such thing since the UUM was set up in 1984, emanated from issues linking university students to anti-government activities and underground movements.

President of the UUM Students Representative Council Shamsuhardi Basir headed four other members of the council leadership when handing over the memorandum to Dr Mahathir.

Shamsuhardi said when receiving the memorandum the Prime Minister reminded them and all UUM students to give priority to their education rather than focusing on political activities.

Dr Mahathir gave the advice because many students at present were involved in political activities which did not benefit them, he said.

Shamsuhardi said they had pledged before the Prime Minister to study hard and pass on Dr Mahathir's advice to other UUM students.

He said the students were now determined to set aside political activities which were damaging to their education.

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