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STATES RESOLVE TO SPEED UP PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS

KUALA LUMPUR, July 13 (Bernama) -- State Governments have resolved to be more efficient in managing their expenses and also speed up payments to contractors who have completed their assigned projects satisfactorily.

This was among the subjects discussed at the 83rd meeting of Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Putrajaya yesterday.

The meeting also discussed the importance of state governments maintaining close relations with the local press so that issues that were raised could be explained clearly to the people, a statement from the Prime Minister's Office said today.

The Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers also deliberated on the proposal to set up a National Committee on Women and Family and the forthcoming Malaysian Consumer Day and Consumer Week celebrations as well as the role of the Veterans Affairs Department of the Defence Ministry.

The meeting was attended by all Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers except for the Menteris Besar of Terengganu and Kelantan and the Chief Minister of Sabah. Several Federal Cabinet Ministers were also present.

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