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DR MAHATHIR PAYS TRIBUTE TO HIS STAFF

PUTRAJAYA, Dec 27 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today paid tribute to the staff of the Prime Minister's Office who he said have done their work well and lightened his burden as prime minister.

He said that his working style, which included working until late evening or night, might have posed a burden to many of his staff and yet none of them had ever shown any anger.

Relating what his staff had had to endure, he said: "I would ask (them) to type my speech on a holiday and after it is typed, I would cancel everything and do it all over again, sometimes five six times.

"...But no one is upset or shows a sour face for my burdening them with work outside office hours," he said at a Hari Raya gathering organised by the Welfare and Sports Body of the Prime Minister's Office, here.

Dr Mahathir said that this was what had made him feel relieved and happy in performing his duty.

He said that this was the last time he was attending a Hari Raya gathering organised by his office staff as prime minister following his decision to relinquish the post in October next year.

However, he was open to invitations to certain festive functions when he was no longer prime minister, he said.

Present was his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

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