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DR MAHATHIR ATTENDS BRIEFING ON JOHOR ISLAMIC EDUCATION

JOHOR BA HARU, July 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is on a one-day visit to Johor today, attended a briefing on the development of Islamic education in the state.

The briefing was given by State Secretary Datuk Ayob Meon.

Dr Mahathir later had lunch at "Saujana", the menteri besar's official residence.

Present were Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman, Johor Mufti Datuk Noh Gadut and state Islamic Affairs Department Director Datuk Wahid Dahlan.

More than 2,000 people, including senior government officers, Barisan Nasional (BN) component leaders and community leaders, attended the lunch to fete Dr Mahathir.

The prime minister was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

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