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Mahathir-Gathering

DR MAHATHIR ATTENDS AIDILFITRI GATHERING

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad attended an Aidilfitri gathering organised by the Prime Minister's Department here today.

He was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.

Present were Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Pandikar Amin Mulia, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman, National Economic Action Council (NEAC) Executive Director Datuk Mustapa Mohamed and staff of the department.

In his speech, Dr Mahathir said Malaysians were fortunate to be able to celebrate Aidilfitri in peace, not like in many countries which faced problems like war.

He said the country was also prosperous, which enabled the government to give a 10 per cent salary increase to its employees this year in the hope of easing their burden.

"That's why we should be thankful for the situation in our country and think about the good that has come from our moderate stand and love for peace." he said.

Dr Mahathir and several VIPs present cut a cake and toured the food and cake stalls before enjoying the food.

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