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KEDAH UMNO HOSTS THANKSGIVING FEAST

ALOR SETAR, July 4 (Bernama) -- The Kedah Umno hosted a thanksgiving feast at the Menteri Besar's official residence in Mentaloon here tonight in appreciation of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's decision to stay on as Prime Minister, Umno President and Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman.

More than 4,000 people from various races attended the reception.

They also took the opportunity to exchange pleasantries with Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain.

Present were Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir, Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib and state dignitaries.

Dr Mahathir will make a one-day working visit to Kedah tomorrow.

Dr Mahathir made a surprise announcement on June 22 that he was resigning from all government and party posts but later agreed to stay on till October next year following appeals from Umno leaders, supreme council members and the people.

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