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MAHATHIR TO REMAIN AS PM UNTIL OCTOBER 2003

KUALA LUMPUR, June 25 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will remain as Prime Minister till October 2003, Umno secretary general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob announced in Kuala Lumpur today after a special meeting of the Umno Supreme Council.

Dr Mahathir will relinquish all his posts in the government and the party after the Summit of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) in October 2003.

Dr Mahathir, who would also continue to hold the finance portfolio till October next year, has appointed Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as his successor. -- BERNAMA

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