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DR MAHATHIR RUSHES BACK TO WELCOME ENGLISH CHANNEL HERO MALIK

KOTA KINABALU, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who has been motivating Malaysians to become high achievers, rushed back to the national capital this afternoon so that he would be on time to welcome home the country's marathon swimmer, Abdul Malik Mydin.

Malik, 28, did Malaysia proud with his last weekend's successful attempt to swim cross the most challenging channel in the world -- the English Channel.

He recorded 17 hours 35 minutes, covering a distance of 58 kilometres or equivalent to a swim accross the channel, and back.

After taking several questions at a brief media conference at the end of his one-day visit to Sabah, Dr Mahathir told them that he had to rush back to welcome Malik.

"Thank you, I have to rush because Malik is arriving and I want to go and see him," he said.

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