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Mahathir-Zakat

DR MAHATHIR DISTRIBUTES ZAKAT TO THE POOR

JITRA, May 23 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today distributed RM30,000 worth of business tithe (zakat) to 150 poor people in his Kubang Pasu parliamentary constituency.

Each of them received RM200.

Dr Mahathir, who is the Kubang Pasu Umno Division Head, received the amount from Izham Yussof, the Administrative Manager of Amanah Raya Berhad, when opening the division's delegates' conference here this morning.

Izham said the company collected RM186,392.90 in total business zakat for the year 2001/2002.

Of the total, RM80,000 would be distributed to Negeri Sembilan, Melaka, Johor and Pahang by end of this year, he said.

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali. He would leave for Penang to attend a private function tonight.

The Amanah Rakyat Berhad, a wholly owned government trust company, was previously known as the Official Assignee's Department, before it was corporatised in 1995.

The company, set up in 1921, is a trusteeship holder to 56 trust funds totalling RM46 billion.

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