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Mahathir-Aidiladha

DR MAHATHIR JOINS SULTAN OF KEDAH FOR AIDILADHA PRAYERS

ALOR STAR, Feb 12 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, joined the Sultan of Kedah in offering Hari Raya Aidiladha prayers at the Zahir Mosque in Alor Star today.

Also at the prayers were the Raja Muda of Kedah and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain.

The more than 2,000 people who attended the prayers later exchanged Hari Raya Aidiladha greetings with the Sultan and the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali then visited the grave of his parents at the Akar Peluru Muslim Cemetery in Persiaran Sultan Abdul Halim in Alor Star.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah dropped bunga rampai and sprinkled air mawar on the graves of Mohamad Iskandar and Wan Tempawan Wan Hanafi.

Dr Siti Hasmah was also seen handing over money packets to children who had gathered at the cemetery area.

The Prime Minister later left for Istana Anak Bukit where he was received in audience by the Sultan of Kedah.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah then held open house at Dewan Wawasan, Jitra.

In Kepala Batas, Penang, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Hari Raya Aidiladha prayers together with hundreds of people at Masjid Jamek Al-Badawi.

Abdullah also witnessed the slaughtering of cows in sacrifice at Kampung Bertam, Kampung Selamat, Paya Keladi Tengah, Kuala Muda, Kampung Lembah, Kampung Padang and Permatang Kuang.

He later joined the people for Hari Raya lunch at Permatang Tok Elong.

Also in Penang, the Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas joined more than 2,000 people for Aidiladha prayers at the State Mosque.

Hari Raya Aidiladha prayers and sacrificial offerings were also held across the country.

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