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Mahathir-Retirement

DR MAHATHIR LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS RETIREMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that he is looking forward to his retirement.

"I've had my day. It's other people's turn now. I had 22 years. I can't complain. I am happy," he told reporters after breaking fast at the Nur Ramadan 2003 at the National Mosque here.

The event was organised by the Federal Territory Umno.

"I'm looking forward to my retirement," he said when asked how he felt that he was retiring in 48 hours.

"Even if I live to be a 100, there will still (be) things (that) cannot be done...I can't complain," he said.

When asked whether Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had sought his advice on the appointment of the new Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Mahathir said that Abdullah had not asked any advice from him on the matter.

Dr Mahathir and Abdullah later joined thousands of Muslims to perform the 'terawih' prayers at the mosque.

Also present were Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

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