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INTRUDER INTO DEWAN MERDEKA ARRESTED

KUALA LUMPUR, June 21 (Bernama) -- A man was arrested today for trespassing into Merdeka Hall where the 54th Umno General Assembly was taking place.

The man, 40s, was detained as he approached the special stage where the Supreme Council members were seated.

A police spokesman said during the 3.45pm incident, Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Othman, the prime minister's adviser on Islam, was winding religious issue discussed on the last day of the assembly.

The neatly-dressed man was arrested as he did not have proper identification to attend the assembly.

He managed to call out the name "Mahathir" twice before being whisked away by security personnel.

The man from Raub, Pahang was brought to the Dang Wangi Police Station.

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