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MALIK AT HALFWAY MARK IN ENGLISH CHANNEL CHALLENGE

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DOVER (England), Aug 3 (Bernama) -- Marathon swimmer Abdul Malik Mydin is still going strong in his bid to be the first Malaysian to conquer the English Channel.

As at 10.30am local time (5.30pm Malaysian time), the 28-year-old swimmer passed the 16km mark, halfway across the 32.8km channel after swimming steadily for eight hours.

He is now only 16.8km away from Cape Gris Nez in Calais, France.

Abdul Malik, who began the attempt at 2.08am here (9.08am Malaysian time) today has not shown any sign of tiredness and has kept his pace at maximum level.

Water temperature was recorded at 16 degree Celsius while wind speed was at 15 nautical miles per hour.

At 10am, (5pm Malaysian time) Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad made his second personal call to wish Malik success.

The Prime Minister's first call was at 1.36am (8.36am Malaysian time) before Malik began his monumental feat from Abbots Cliff Beach here.

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