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State-Expenditure

SPEND WITHIN BUDGET, STATE GOVTS TOLD

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 14 (Bernama) -- State governments were today reminded to be more careful in their expenditures by keeping to their affordability and spend within the budget.

They were also advised to concentrate on development projects that could bring in returns.

These are among matters discussed at the 89th Meeting of Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers at the Prime Minister's Office, here.

The Prime Minister's office said in a statement that the meeting, which lasted for more than two hours chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, also deliberated on the success of government policies in handling the global economic slide.

"The livelihood of Malaysians was not affected at all despite the increasing sluggish world economy.

"It is also evident that the standard of living of Malaysians is going up although the cost of living in Malaysia is low," it said.

The meeting was attended by all Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers except the Menteris Besar of Kelantan and Terengganu.

Several Cabinet ministers also attended the meeting.

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