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UMNO: DR MAHATHIR PRAYS FOR SULAIMAN'S QUICK RECOVERY

KUALA LUMPUR, June 19 (Bernama) -- Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today prayed for the quick recovery of Umno Permanent Chairman Tun Sulaiman Ninam Shah who is stricken with leukemia.

Showing his sadness over the absence of Sulaiman at the 2003 Umno General Assembly, the Prime Minister said the Umno Permanent Chairman had never missed previous party assemblies.

Sulaiman, 84, has been Umno Permanent Chairman for 28 years.

Dr Mahathir said this at the start of his keynote address, themed "Ancaman Masa Depan" (future threats), at the 54th Umno General Assembly in Dewan Merdeka, Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here today.

The tasks of Umno Permanent Chairman at the general assembly has been taken over by Deputy Umno Permanent Chairman Datuk Seri Onn Ismail, who is assisted by Datuk Muhamad Abdullah of Pahang.

The 54th Umno General Assembly is Dr Mahathir's last as party president.

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