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DR MAHATHIR IS NOT ATTENDING UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

KUALA LUMPUR, July 18 (Bernama) -- Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is not attending the Umno general assembly which begins tomorrow because he is on leave and has programmes overseas.

His special officer, Sufi Yusoff, said the former Umno president had been on vacation overseas since July 8.

He would be visiting Columbia at the invitation of the Columbian government after his vacation, Sufi told Bernama via the short messaging service today.

He said Dr Mahathir would only return home at the end of the month.

The Umno general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre from tomorrow until Saturday is expected to be attended by 2,531 delegates.

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