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Abdullah-Encyclopedia

ABDULLAH LAUNCHES ENCYCLOPEDIA OF DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 21 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri

Abdullah Ahmad Badawi tonight launched the "Encyclopedia of Dr Mahathir Bin

Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia", here.

The two-version and bilingual encyclopedia in Arabic and English, is a compilation of Dr Mahathir's speeches and important ideas on globalisation, politics and other issues on Malaysia and Asia.

The encyclopedia, comprising 10 volumes, contains speeches, delivered

and presented over a number of years, reflecting the prime minister's

views, concerns and ideas on various issues.

The views are frank and brave, deep and vivid, intellectual and practical which are relevant to the Muslim ummah.

Launched at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), the

encyclopedia was published by four publishers, two of whom are from Cairo

and Beirut while the other two are locals.

The encyclopedia is available on the Malaysian market tomorrow and will

be available worldwide after an official launching at Oxford University,

London on Tuesday.

The encyclopedia is a legacy written by Dr Mahathir himself to Malaysians and others worldwide, and would be an invaluable reference for

scholars, historians, policy makers and others who may be interested in the

country and region.

More than 30,000 sets of the encyclopedia have already been sold before

the launching.

During the launching, Abdullah also witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding between IIUM and Dar Al Kitab Al Masri, one of

the publishers from Cairo.

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