

King and PM have 'most meaningful' pre-Cabinet meeting

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PUTRAJAYA: Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah's 30th pre-Cabinet weekly audience with Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been described as "most meaningful" by Istana Negara.

Comptroller of the Royal Household Datuk Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin said the audience at Istana Melawati here lasted for 45 minutes from 8am.

"The audience was most meaningful because it was the 30th pre-Cabinet meeting with the Prime Minister since Sultan Abdullah was elected the 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong in January.

"This shows that Sultan Abdullah is not only very concerned about the administration of the country, His Majesty also takes seriously the welfare of his subjects.

"Sultan Abdullah is also very meticulous.

"His Majesty always scrutinises at length Cabinet notes and memorandums as well as reports a day before the pre-Cabinet meetings," he said in a statement yesterday.

Ahmad Fadil said the King was very attentive during the audience



Warm reception: The King and Dr Mahathir at Istana Melawati. With them is Ahmad Fadil (second from left). — Bernama

and jotted down details of the discussion with the Prime Minister.

He said the pre-Cabinet meeting was among the weekly activities or the main routine of His Majesty to discuss and exchange views with the Prime Minister.

Pre-Cabinet meetings are usually held on Wednesdays or Fridays when the Dewan Rakyat is sitting.

The meetings will go on even if the Prime Minister is unable to attend, with the Deputy Prime Minister standing in.

The pre-Cabinet meeting, however, will not be held if it falls on a public holiday or if an official national event or ceremony takes place that day, like when the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA) exhibition took place in March.

Ahmad Fadil said the King advised the people to be patient and place their faith in the Prime Minister and the Cabinet in the efforts to develop the country. — Bernama