

Justo, US Ambassador meet Dr Mahathir today

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PUTRAJAYA, May 21 (Bernama) -- Former PetroSaudi International executive Andre Xavier Justo met with Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Perdana Leadership Foundation (YKP) here today.

Justo was dressed in a suit in his meeting with Dr Mahathir which lasted for an hour and 15 minutes.

The silver Mercedes Benz car which ferried Justo was seen to have left YKP building at 2pm and accelerated as soon as it left the compound.

Yesterday, Justo, 49, met Dr Mahathir for over an hour at the Prime Minister's private residence in Serdang near here.

Through his official Facebook account, Justo uploaded pictures with Dr Mahathir, captioned it, "What a great privilege and what an incredible moment".

On June 22, 2015, Justo was arrested at his home on Koh Samui island after PetroSaudi officials filed a complaint that Justo attempted to blackmail the firm for 2.5 million Swiss francs (RM11 million) with documents stolen from the company.

However, in December 2016, Justo was among thousands of foreign prisoners who were granted a royal pardon by Thailand's king, King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradevarangkun.

Besides Justo, Dr Mahathir also held an hour-long meeting with US Ambassador to Malaysia, Kamala Shirin Lakhdir today.

Kamala arrived at YKP at 2.30pm in the embassy's official vehicle.

Earlier today, Indonesian Ambassador to Malaysia, Rusdi Kirana also held a meeting with Dr Mahathir at the building.

Since taking his oath of office as Malaysia's seventh prime minister on May 10, Dr Mahathir, 92, received visits from various quarters including foreign leaders such as Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei and Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

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