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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 12 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY HE NEEDS THE UNITED SUPPORT OF ALL UMNO MEMBERS TO HELP HIM LEAD THE PARTY TOWARDS ACHIEVING ITS OBJECTIVES.

+IF HALF (THE MEMBERS) SUPPORT ME AND THE OTHER HALF SUPPORT OTHERS, THEN IT'S A BIT DIFFICULT,+ THE PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO PRESIDENT SAID AFTER UMNO YOUTH ACTING PRESIDENT DATUK SERI NAJIB TUN RAZAK PLEDGED THE MOVEMENT'S SUPPORT FOR HIM AT THE OPENING OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION ON POVERTY HERE.

A TOTAL OF 500 PEOPLE COMPRISING UMNO YOUTH MEMBERS AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES ATTENDED THE ONE-DAY CONVENTION ORGANISED BY UMNO YOUTH.

DATUK SERI NAJIB, WHEN PLEDGING UMNO YOUTH'S UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR'S LEADERSHIP, DESCRIBED THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MOVEMENT AS THAT BETWEEN +FATHER AND SON+.

+IF THE FATHER FACES A PROBLEM OR PRESSURE, THE SON WILL STAND BY HIM,+ HE SAID. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE VALUED THE MOVEMENT'S PLEDGE OF SUPPORT, ADDING THAT THE UNINAMOUS SUPPORT OF EVERY PARTY MEMBER FOR THE LEADERSHIP WOULD ENSURE THERE WAS NO SPLIT IN THE PARTY.

+IN THIS WAY WE CAN ACHIEVE WHATEVER WE SET OUT TO DO,+ HE SAID.

YESTERDAY, WHEN ADDRESSING UMNO MEMBERS IN LABUAN, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE TIME HAD COME TO STRENGTHEN UNITY WITHIN THE PARTY AFTER THE DIVISIVENESS THAT HAD RESULTED FROM THE PARTY ELECTIONS IN APRIL. -- BERNAMA

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