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KUALA LUMPUR, FEB 14 (BERNAMA) -- STATE GOVERNMENT HEADS, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, SENATORS AND STATE ASSEMBLYMEN TODAY PLEDGED THEIR LOYALTY TO THE GOVERNMENT LED BY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA.

+WE PLEDGE TO CONTINUE TO DEFEND AND STRENGTHEN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PEOPLE AND COUNTRY UNDER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND ENCIK GHAFAR AGAINST ALL THREATS ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY THE CONSENSUS, UNITY AND HARMONY OF THE PEOPLE OF VARIOUS RACES IN THE COUNTRY,+ THEY SAID.

TERENGGANU MENTERI BESAR DATUK HAJI WAN MOKHTAR AHMAD, WHO REPRESENTED THE STATE GOVERNMENTS, SAID THE STATE GOVERNMENTS PLEDGED TO ASSIST THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP OVERCOME THE PROBLEM IT FACED AT PRESENT. (UMNO, THE LEADING PARTNER IN THE BN GOVERNMENT, HAS BEEN RULED AN UNLAWFUL SOCIETY BY THE COURT RECENTLY.)

+WE DO THIS FOR THE SAKE OF THE NATION'S PROSPERITY AND THE PEOPLE'S WELL-BEING,+ HE ADDED.

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEWAN NEGARA MEMBERS, SENATOR HAJI HUSSEIN AHMAD, SAID: +COME WHAT MAY, MEMBERS OF THE DEWAN NEGARA STAND BY THE GOVERNMENT OF DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND ENCIK GHAFAR IN RESOLVING THE PROBLEM.+ -- MORE

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GOVERNMENT BACKBENCHERS CLUB (BBC) CHAIRMAN ISMAIL SAID STATED THAT THE ACTION OF THE GROUP OF 11 FORMER UMNO MEMBERS, WHICH HAD RESULTED IN UMNO BEING RULED AN UNLAWFUL SOCIETY BY THE KUALA LUMPUR HIGH COURT RECENTLY, WOULD NOT WEAKEN THE PARTY SPIRIT.

+IF THEY THINK THAT BY THEIR ACTION THEY HAVE WEAKENED UMNO, THEY MUST BE DAY-DREAMING,+ HE ADDED.

MCA PRESIDENT DATUK DR LING LIONG SIK REITERATED HIS PARTY'S STAND THAT +MCA IS NOT A PARTY THAT DESERTS ITS FRIENDS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE FACED WITH A PROBLEM OF A TECHNICAL NATURE.+

HE SAID NO ONE COULD DENY UMNO WAS THE BACKBONE OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL AND HE BELIEVED NO PARTY COULD EVER TAKE ITS PLACE.

+IN VIEW OF THIS, WE HOPE THE PROBLEM FACED BY UMNO IS RESOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,+ DATUK DR LING, WHO IS TRANSPORT MINISTER, SAID. -- MORE

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MIC PRESIDENT DATUK S. SAMY VELLU PLEDGED HIS PARTY'S SUPPORT FOR DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND ENCIK GHAFAR.

DATUK SAMY VELLU, WHO IS WORKS MINISTER, SAID: +WE HAVE NO OTHER ROAD TO FOLLOW SAVE TO FOLLOW UMNO.+

HAMIM PRESIDENT DATUK ASRI HAJI MUDA SAID +IT DOES NOT TAKE A SKILLED MASON TO DEMOLISH A HOUSE ...+

+BUT TO REBUILD IT, THE EXPERTS ARE NEEDED, AND IT THUS ONLY FITTING TO HAND OVER THE JOB TO THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP,+ HE SAID TO LOUD APPLAUSE BY THE GATHERING.

DATUK ASRI SAID THE GATHERING HAD NO MOTIVE BUT TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP TO REVIVE UMNO WHICH +IS NOW IN LIMBO.+ -- MORE

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LEADERS OF OTHER BN COMPONENT PARTIES PLEDGING THEIR SUPPORT WERE PARTI BUMIPUTERA BERSATU SARAWAK (PBB) PRESIDENT DATUK PATINGGI HAJI TAIB MAHMUD, SUPP PRESIDENT DATUK AMAR STEPHEN YONG, GERAKAN PRESIDENT DATUK DR LIM KHENG YAIK, PPP PRESIDENT SENATOR PARAMJIT SINGH.

SNAP PRESIDENT DATUK AMAR JAMES WONG, PBDS PRESIDENT DATUK LEO MOGGIE, USNO PRESIDENT TUN DATU MUSTAPHA HARUN AND PBS PRESIDENT DATUK JOSEPH PAIRIN KITINGAN ALSO PLEDGED SUPPORT.

SEVERAL PARTY CHIEFS THEN PRESENTED TO DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR A MEMORANDUM CONTAINING THE PLEDGE OF LOYALTY.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE PLEDGE TAKEN AT THE GATHERING:  
+WE, IN ALL SINCERITY, PLEDGE OUR UNDIVIDED SUPPORT FOR AND STAND FIRMLY BEHIND DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, THE PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA, AND ENCIK GHAFAR BABA AS THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TO CONTINUE LEADING THE PEOPLE AND COUNTRY.

WE PLEDGE TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO DEFEND AND STRENGTHEN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PEOPLE AND COUNTRY UNDER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AND ENCIK GHAFAR BABA FROM ALL THREATS TRYING TO DESTROY THE CONSENSUS, UNITY AND HARMONY OF THE PEOPLE OF VARIOUS RACES IN THE COUNTRY.+ -- BERNAMA

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