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MAHATHIR HAS STRENGTHENED POSITION OF MALAYS

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 8, (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has succeeded in placing the Malay race in a strong position with the national Vision 2020 as a challenge to them to achieve progress along with other races, the Umno general assembly was told today.

Speaking in the debate on the motion of thanks to the party president for his policy address, Johor delegate Mohamad Aziz said the Prime Minister was not only held in high esteem in Malaysia but also at the international level.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir had earned high praise from world leaders, he added.

The motion of thanks was tabled by Wanita Umno delegate Fuan Khatijah Mohamad Som.

Encik Mohamad said Umno should set up a high level committee to ensure the realisation of the vision and to ensure that the Malays become a progressive community. -- more

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He also said Pulau Batu Putih was part of Johor territory based on historical facts.

Encik Mohamad requested that the post of Education Minister or, at least, Deputy Education Minister, be allocated to Umno to ensure there were links between the ministry and party members.

Tabling the resolution, Puan Khatijah said Umno should strive to ensure that Bumiputeras became the ultimate beneficiaries of the Vision 2020 objectives and not foreigners.

This was necessary because there were negative tendencies among certain Bumiputeras themselves, she added.

They were not patient in waiting for profits and took the easy way by pawning their privileges, she said. -- Bernama

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