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MAHATHIR, LEADER WITH A VISION, SAYS BN LEADERS

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 6 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional leaders following this year's Umno General Assembly are unanimous that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is a leader with a vision who places unity, peace and progress of the nation above everything else.

They believe that the suggestions, remarks and views of the Umno President were made out of the desire to see the bumiputera's progress together with the other races and to make Malaysia a respected nation.

Head of Wanita Umno Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said the Prime Minister's policy speech clearly defined the recipe to create successful bumiputera entrepreneurs based on their own capability.

The speech was directed towards efforts, to create a bumiputera community in trade and industry which could compete with the other races in the local and international markets.

Rafidah, who is International Trade and Industry Minister, said the speech stressed on the importance of unity among the Muslims in this country to achieve progress in the economic and political fields so that they would not be left behind in development --more

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Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Haji Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad said the speech outlined the government views on bumiputera participation in trade and industry, on Islam and the practising of good values by the people.

He said it was important for the people, especially Muslims, to practise good values to ensure future progress.

Johor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said Dr Mahathir's firmness in economic issue showed the desire of the leadership to develop the Malays and bumiputeras.

He said every Umno member should work hard to strengthen the party as party struggle was more important than self-interest.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, who is MCA President, said the advice given by Dr Mahathir was not only important to Umno but also to the people of all races --more

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Dr Ling said Dr Mahathir's speech clearly stressed on the importance of peace, progress and unity to ensure continued development.

Gerakan President Datuk Seri Lim Kheng Yaik said the Prime Minister's call for the bumiputeras to absorb new technology in trade and industry was timely and should be recognised.

Lim, who is the Minister for Primary Industries, said such recognition was necessary to ensure peace and progress.

Umno Vice-President Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi describe the speech as a good guideline towards achieving Malay unity and progress.

He said it was appropriate for the Prime Minister to remind the Malays on the danger of having religious groups which were too involved in their organisations that they neglected the interest of the society.

Abdullah said Umno members should follow the advice of the Prime Minister not to use unhealthy tactics to gain positions in the party.--more

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MIC President Datuk Seri S. 'Samy Vellu said Dr Mahathir's desire for Umno unity also applied to other component parties of the Barisan Nasional.

President of Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) Datuk Leo Moggie said Dr Mahathir's advice to the bumiputeras to change their attitude and perception towards business was timely..

Head of Umho Youth Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said he supported Dr Mahathir's call for the bumiputeras to undertake bigger business ventures and to adopt positive work ethics to ensure progress.

Deputy' President of Umno Club in Australia' Nazarudin Masat said the Prime Minister's speech should spur the people, especially bumiputeras, to work harder for progress.--Bernama

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