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PRIME MINISTER PRAISES THE MCA FOR "GIVE AND TAKE" ATTITUDE

TANJUNG MALIM, March 23 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the harmony and the "give and take" attitude adopted by the MCA in the election for party leadership reflected stability in the MCA and the Barisan Nasional (BN).

"It is the MCA's rights to compromise, but what is more important is that it is for the common good and stability of BN," he told reporters after officiating the groundbreaking ceremony at the site for Proton City at Behrang, about 3 km. from here today.

The Prime Minister, who is also BN chairman, was asked to comment on the compromise between MCA vice president Datuk Lim Ah Lek and the party's secretary-general Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh regarding the tussle for the MCA deputy president's post.

Dr Mahathir said other component parties in the BN should emulate the attitude adopted by the MCA.

He said no one had commented on the DAP leadership although there was only one secretary-general.

"He will be the secretary-general until he dies, now he is grooming his son to succeed him," he said.

According to Dr Mahathir, what was being practised by the DAP clearly reflected "the worst kind of feudalism."

On the call by the DAP that the government come up with a white paper on the position of Perwaja, the Prime Minister said that for the time being the government did not see the need for it just to satisfy the DAP's needs.

He criticised the DAP which continuously harped on issues merely for political mileage.

He said: "We are interested to solve problems, that is our way, not like the DAP which is only interested to stand on the rostrum." -- BERNAMA

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