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19 CHINESE YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS SUPPORT DR MAHATHIR

SEREMBAN, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- Nineteen Chinese youth associations in Negeri Sembilan today expressed full support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in facing the current hurdles particularly efforts to hurt his leadership and the country.

A resolution to this effect was taken at a meeting of the associations at the Negeri Sembilan Chinese Assembly Hall here.

The Chinese associations included the Gerakan Belia Bersatu (GBB), Pergerakan Belia Malaysia and Persatuan Buddha.

Meeting coordinator Siow Koi Voon told reporters that the time had come for every citizen to extend his solid support to the Prime Minister and his government which had ensured peace, stability and prosperity in the country.

He said from next week onwards the Chinese youth associations would organise campaigns and talks throughout Negeri Sembilan to voice support for Dr Mahathir.

The National Rubber Smallholders Association of Malaysia also expressed full support for Dr Mahathir's continued leadership of the nation.

Its president Datuk Ahmad Arshad also urged Dr Mahathir not to bow to the foreign media which has been pressuring him to resign.

Ahmad said the association considered the foreign media as an enemy and referred to the Malay proverb: The barks of a dog will not move the mountain.

"This is because the mountain (Dr Mahathir) is solid and has the support of all Malaysians including the opposition," he said here today.

In relation to this he urged all smallholders and the rural people to patiently accept the fall of the ringgit as a temporary phenomenon.

He also advised rubber smallholders to be thrifty and to refrain from buying imported goods and non-essentials.

Meanwhile Malaysian Youth Council president Datuk Suhaimi Ibrahim said that to the Malaysian youths Dr Mahathir was a hero.

" We pledge to defend his position as the nation's Prime Minister from any attack," he said.

"We want the world to know that the people and the country need Dr Mahathir's leadership and we will not bow to pressures," he said,

He said the MYC which had a membership of 1.8 million was confident Dr Mahathir would be able to handle the national economy well.

"The MYC does not care what the foreign media say. We do not want foreigners to interfere and to teach us what to do and what more if it affects Dr Mahathir's leadership of the country," he said in a statement. --

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