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BN, UMNO SUPPORT MAHATHIR TO REVITALISE ECONOMY

IPOH, Oct 10 (Bernama) -- The Perak Barisan Nasional (BN) and Umno Liaison Committee today pledged solid support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his efforts to revitalise the economy following the fall of the ringgit and the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange (KLSE).

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib, who is State Umno and BN chief, said he was confident that Dr Mahathir had the ability to overcome the problems based on his experience in making Malaysia one of the fastest growing economy in the region.

In pledging full support, the Perak Umno and BN also condemned the irresponsible actions by the currency manipulators and the foreign media to undermine the stability and sovereignty of the nation, he told reporters after chairing the State Umno and BN meeting here today.

With the solid support of the people, efforts by foreign traders and media could be overcome, he said.

Meanwhile, People's Progressive Party (PPP) president Datuk M Kayveas said the foreign media must stop its allegations against Dr Mahathir.

Perak Wanita Umno chief Ainon Khariyah Datuk Haji Abas said the movement supported Dr Mahathir and would always rally behind him in his efforts to rejuvenate the economy.

In KUALA TERENGGANU, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad said the Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers Council had expressed firm support for Dr Mahathir to handle the problems at hand.

The council was confident that under Dr Mahathir's leadership the currency crisis could be overcome.

The council would take appropriate measures to thwart attempts to jeopardise the leadership of Dr Mahathir and his deputy Datuk Ser Anwar Ibrahim, he told reporters while waiting for Dr Mahathir's arrival here.

In RANTAU PANJANG, Kelantan Deputy Menteri Besar Haji Abdul Halim Abdul Rahman said PAS members should not be "clapping their hands" with the fall of the ringgit and discredit Dr Mahathir for the present economic crisis.

All Malaysians must work in close rapport to help overcome the problem faced by the country, he said at the Rantau Panjang PAS Family Day here.

He said the present currency issue should not be used as a pretext by any group to agitate the Prime Minister to step down because this would only bring adverse effects to the nation.

In KOTA KINABALU, the Party Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRS) president Datuk Joseph Kurup, said his party extended undivided support for Dr Mahathir and Anwar. -- BERNAMA

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