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BN YOUTH ASKED TO CONTINUE BN-STYLE STRUGGLE

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the Barisan Nasional (BN) will organise a convention for its youth members to enable them to have a deeper understanding of the BN struggle.

"The aim of the convention is for us all to have a deeper understanding of the BN struggle so that they can continue the struggle ala-BN," he said after chairing the BN supreme council meeting here.

Dr Mahathir, who is also the BN chairman, said the convention was not to debate on changing the BN principles but to understand the BN struggle, which stressed national development, so that it could be retained.

"We want to retain this BN. The BN now has become a model for many multiracial countries and we are emulated because others regard us as having a successful system, the Umno president said.

He said the system practised by the BN all this while would be retained as had brought progress and peace to the people and the nation.

"Our country's success is due to the cooperation, understanding and tolerance within the BN.

"Actually, the current situation in Malaysia is due to the BN principle which is usually linked to the smart partnership which has brought about a win-win situation," Dr Mahathir said.

Based on this factor, all BN component party leaders felt that the BN practice should continue, he added.

He said they also agreed that "within the BN there will not be anyone who will be 100 per cent satisfied.

"All BN members will feel dissatisfied because their requests in any sphere will not be fully entertained, which means that we are fair to all parties (BN components)," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the meeting agreed that all menteri besar and chief ministers be respectively appointed as state BN chairmen.

Deputy Information Minister Datuk Suleiman Mohamed, who is also Federal Territory Umno liaison chief, was appointed Federal Territory BN chairman.

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