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CUEPACS GIVES FULL SUPPORT TO DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 19 (Bernama) -- Cuepacs today declared full support to the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Its president, Mohamad Mat Jid said Cuepacs Working Committee's meeting today adopted a resolution supporting Dr Mahathir to continue leading the nation in facing financial crisis, and condemn any actions to undermine the prime minister.

"Cuepacs strongly condemns the action by 34 U.S. Congressmen asking Dr Mahathir to resign," he said.

He said Cuepacs also called on American leaders to understand the feelings of Malaysians in the issue.

Mohamad said a copy of the resolution would be sent to Senator Robert Wexler who sponsored the draft resolution.

Cuepacs also expressed support to Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Meanwhile, the Malay Intellectuals Congress (KCM) in a statement joined the people in pledging full support to Dr Mahathir.

Its secretary Prof Datuk Wan Hashim Wan Teh said the draft resolution did not respect the democratic process in Malaysia which elected Dr Mahathir as Umno president and prime minister.

The president of the Council of Asean Youth Cooperation (CAYC), Mustaffa Kamil Ayub said in a statement that CAYC regretted that the U.S. had used the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act against Petronas for its business dealings in Iran.

He said other countries should not be forced to comply with the Act.

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