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MAHATHIR RECEIVES MORE SUPPORT

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Okt (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today received more support to lead the Government and to take measures to overcome the current economic problems that the country is facing.

The latest support came from the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) and from a Central Committee member of Parti Gerakan Malaysia Dr S. Vijayaratnam.

MMA in a statement today pledged its fullest support for Dr Mahathir's leadership and was confident that with the Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim working closely in tandem with the Prime Minister, Malaysia would overcome the problems.

"The contry's health indicators have improved considerably since Dr Mahathir became the Prime Minister. This is testimony to Dr Mahathir's excellent track record in the country's development," said Dr Milton Lum, the MMA president.

Dr Lum said the medical profession was proud of Dr Mahathir's achievements and looks upon his as a role model.

"As the country marches on the road to a developed country status, it was expected to encounter some bumps along the way. The current bump will be overcome sooner if Malaysians remain united, hard working and are circumspect in their expenditure," he said.

Meanwhile Dr Vijayaratnam said Malaysians from all walks of life should put aside any misgivings and rally to the call of Dr Mahathir to remain united and disciplined and have confidence in the government to overcome the financial difficulties.

"They should remember that the government only has the people's well-being in mind, and hence we must cooperate for our own benefit," he said.

What has happened was not the fault of the Prime Minister or the Malaysian government, but due to international manipulation, he added.

He said the current situation was but a temporary set-back and given the strong economic fundamentals and policies that the nation has, coupled with a stable government and an intelligent business community, Malaysia should be able to recover.

"We are confident that with the people's participation, the government's plan to solve this problem will not only be successful, but the nation may emerge even stronger," he said. -- BERNAMA

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