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MOHAMED: BN MUST SUPPORT GRAFT-BUSTING DRIVE

KUALA LUMPUR, June 16 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said today BN component party leaders must support the government's action on corrupt government leaders as the coalition's integrity was also at stake.

He said the government's integrity was also the BN's and as such, if action was taken against a corrupt person in government, irrespective from which party they came from, the component parties must support the move.

"I'm impressed that BN component parties are supportive of the government's decision and are taking steps to curb corruption among them," he told reporters after opening the Malaysian Television Conference '97 at a leading hote, here.

Mohamed, who is Information Minister, said BN component parties must support the aspiration of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also BN chairman, to run a government which was not only clean but also seen to be clean.

He agreed with Acting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim that the time for advice and warnings were over and that it was time to take stern action against those involved, he added. -- BERNAMA

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