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PM WANTS CONTINUITY ON YAHAYA'S EFFORTS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 11 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants the management and staff of the DRB-HICOM Group to ensure that all the efforts initiated, carried out and struggled for by the late Tan Sri Yahaya Ahmad was continued.

DRB-HICOM's new chairman, Datuk Mohd Saleh Sulong said the Prime Minister felt that continuity was essential to ensure that the DRB-HICOM Group, which controls nine companies on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange (KLSE), functioned well and smoothly as planned by Yahaya.

"The Prime Minister also stated that the government is keen to ensure that all the projects undertaken by the DRB-HICOM Group proceeds smoothly and the government gives its strong support to the group to ensure its success," Mohd Saleh said after a meeting between 160 Chief Executives and Senior Executives of the DRB-HICOM Group and Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's Department, here today.

Mohd Saleh was appointed the new chairman of the group after Yahaya's death following a helicopter crash in Kuala Lipis, Pahang on March 3. Also killed in the crash were Yahaya's wife, Puan Sri Rahana Othman and pilot Mejar (Rtd) Azlizan Abdul Manas.

The 45-minute meeting was requested for by the Chief Executives and Senior Executives of DRB-HICOM to listen for themselves the message and assurance by the Prime Minister on the future of the group which has 37,000 workers, said Mohd Saleh.

Mohd Saleh said the Prime Minister had assured that the continued support to the group was a decision made by the cabinet recently in view of the fact that the DRB-HICOM Group was a big conglomerate which was undertaking national projects.

He said Dr Mahathir and members of the Cabinet felt that if there was no strong and continued support for the group, it would not only affect the DRB-HICOM Group but also many other national interests including the position of shares on the KLSE. -- BERNAMA

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