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PPP pledges full support for PM

IPOH, Sat. - The People's Progressive Party has expressed its full support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Speaking after attending a State BN meeting chaired by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib yesterday, PPP president Datuk M. Kayveas said the party viewed the recent currency attack as a regional problem and not just a Malaysian one.

He said the region had been doing very well economically and this had caused jealousy and a fear of the economic integration and dynamism of Asean.

Kayveas said based on recent events, it seemed there was a concerted effort by some quarters to torpedo the regional economy.

"So far, our Prime Minister has been the most vocal. But, instead, all sorts of unkind remarks have been hurled at him.

"Dr Mahathir's track record speaks volumes of him as a leader. We need him to continue leading us and we must tell the world in no uncertain terms that he is unshakeable," he said.

In Kota Kinabalu, Sabah Umno today pledged its full support and confidence in Dr Mahathir's handling of the currency turmoil in the country.

Condemning outsiders, including foreign journalists who had tarnished Dr Mahathir's name and belittled Malaysia's success, Sabah Umno chief Datuk Osu Sukam said all Malaysians should rally behind the national leadership.

"If we are united, there is no reason why Malaysia can't succeed in overcoming the problems and weathering the challenges ahead," he told reporters after chairing the State Umno liaison committee meeting here.

Osu, who is Land and Co-operative Development Minister, said the support given by various quarters, including the Opposition, to Dr Mahathir's effort to solve the problem illustrated that Malaysians were united in fighting attempts to destroy the country's economy.

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