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SUPREME COUNCIL PLEDGES FULL SUPPORT FOR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- The Umno supreme council, the party's highest policy-making body, tonight pledged solid support for Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to continue leading the party and the government.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who represented the council members, said they had full confidence in Dr Mahathir to handle the financial and economic problems faced by the country now.

" We have also resolved to condemn all attempts either in the foreign media or other parties which tried to jeopardise the credibility and leadership of Dr Mahathir," he told reporters after the council meeting chaired by Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president.

Anwar, who is also Umno deputy president, said with the decision Umno hoped that no one would try to divert the government's attention and priority in tackling the economic problems.

" God Willing, we are confident to handle the problems in the best possible way with the strong unity and close ties in the party and government," he said.

Dr Mahathir, whom the foreign media had pressured to step down following the ringgit's depreciation and the fall in the stock market, had earlier received all-round support including from opposition parties.

They wanted Dr Mahathir to continue to lead the country and resolve the problems at hand.

Dr Mahathir had said earlier that there were groups out to stop him from speaking up on currency trading issue.

Of late, Malaysia had made calls for the need to have control and transparency in currency trading to curb manipulations and speculations. --  
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