

# MBs back Mahathir's action 30

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PETALING JAYA: Perak Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said he was confident that Dr Mahathir had "weighed and studied at length" before taking action against **Anwar**.

He said he was also confident that Dr Mahathir took the action for the betterment of the public, the country and government machinery.

Ramli said the people should accept the decision with an open mind.

His sentiments were shared by several mentris besar.

In Jitra, Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid said **Anwar's** sacking was not because

of the country's economic situation.

He said that there was a meeting of all mentris besar in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday where they endorsed support for Dr Mahathir for any action taken because "he has reasons which will be known later."

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar said the decision to appoint or sack ministers or deputy prime minister was up to the Prime Minister.

"The Prime Minister must have certain reasons to do this and we in Selangor abide by the decision," he said.

Abu Hassan advised the peo-

ple, politicians, state executive councillors as well as government officials to remain calm.

Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said the Prime Minister had the discretion to exercise his rights and make decisions.

"We must give our support to the Prime Minister to discharge the duties entrusted to him."

Terengganu Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad said the state respected any decision taken by Dr Mahathir.

He said the decision to sack or appoint was Dr Mahathir's prerogative and the mandate to do so was given by the people.

Pahang Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamad Khalil Yaakob said he would respect the decision made by Dr Mahathir.

Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said he hoped the sacking of **Anwar** would not plunge the country into another crisis.

Nik Aziz said he believed everyone was innocent until proven guilty.

Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohd Isa Abdul Samad said the people should abide by the decision as the Prime Minister must have valid reasons to do so.

"I am sure the people will be

able to accept the matter rationally," he said.

Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said he respected the action taken.

In Durban, South Africa, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has urged the people, especially Umno members, to accept and support the decision of the Prime Minister to sack **Anwar**.

"It is the prerogative of the Prime Minister when it comes to a Cabinet post. I am sure when the reasons become clear, the people will understand, accept and support his decision," he told Malaysian journalists.