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ABIM HAILS MAHATHIR FOR HIS CONSISTENT STAND ON M'SIA

KUALA LUMPUR, June 19 (Bernama) -- The Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia (Abim) has commended Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his consistent stand in defending Malaysia as a sovereign country reserving its right to chart its own course.

Its vice-president Abdul Halim Ismail said the movement also concurred with Dr Mahathir's view that foreigners were jealous of Malaysia which had the potential to emerge as a developed country and could compete on equal terms with them.

" Because of that we must be brave in defending our country's integrity in whatever way possible and be careful from not being trapped in their hidden agenda," he said in a statement today in support of Dr Mahathir's policy speech at the opening of the 52nd Umno General Assembly today.

Halim, however, said the government need to look into the internal weaknesses which had rendered the country's economic system easily "encroached" into by outsiders.

" The internal pitfalls has caused Malaysia to easily succumb to adverse effects from the manipulation of others," he said.

He also urged the government to pay attention to develop the agricultural sector and reduce imports.

Lack of attention in the two areas had led the country to be dependent on foreign countries which were were sensitive to currency fluctuations, he added.

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