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Explanation-Reactions

ANWAR'S DISMISSAL: LEADERS ACCEPT PM'S EXPLANATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today he accepted Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's explanation on the dismissal of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from the government.

"I agree with his action because I believe he did it in the interest of the country," he told reporters after witnessing the signing of a concession agreement for the East Coast Highway, here.

Samy Vellu said he was also prepared to brief the Indian community including MIC members on the matter.

Terengganu Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad also said the explanation by the prime minister had clear any doubt on the grounds to dismiss Anwar.

He said he had also briefed all Umno leaders in the state and they were satisfied with the explanation.

Pahang Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaacob said Dr Mahathir did what he did in the interest of the country and Umno.

He said he was sure Dr Mahathir must had good reasons to dismiss Anwar.

MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik meanwhile said a leader must have good character without which he would be open to blackmail.

He said Dr Mahathir was expected to brief senior government servants and leaders of Barisan Nasional (BN) component on the issue.

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