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BBC MEMBERS TO MEET DR MAHATHIR TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 14 (Bernama) -- Members of the Government Backbenchers Club (BBC) will meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow to express their support for his action in dismissing Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from the government and the party, its president, Ruhanie Ahmad, said today.

He told a news conference at the Parliament house that BBC members would also discuss with Dr Mahathir their role to explain to the people the reasons for the dismissal.

Ruhanie, the Member of Parliament for Parit Sulong, said that BBC members, at a meeting here this afternoon, made a decision to fully support the action of the prime minister as they felt that his decision must have been reached through wisdom based on the interest of the religion, race and nation.

"We support all decisions, actions, strategies and policies of the Barisan Nasional (BN) led by the prime minister to revive the economy of this beloved nation," he said.

A total of 52 of the 90 Members of Parliament from the component parties of the BN attended the meeting.

Ruhanie said that members who could not be present because they had to attend to official duties had called or written in expressing their support.

He also called on the people to give their solid support for the government in undertaking measures to overcome the economic problem.

"May God always give His guidance for struggles kept within the straight and narrow to uphold the truth," he said.

Anwar was removed as deputy prime minister and finance minister on Sept 2 and expelled from Umno the following day for alleged moral misconduct.

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