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GHAJAR GARNERING SUPPORT OF UMNO VETERANS

PASIR PUTEH, Aug 21 (Bernama) -- The Umno Veteran Club is hoping to garner the support of more than 5,000 veterans nationwide in its task to explain to the people the economic and political situation in the country.

Its chairman, Tun Ghafar Baba said the veterans would gather at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) in Kuala Lumpur soon to pledge their support to the party and country.

"We want as many veterans as possible to explain to the people political situation in the country and the economic downturn to avoid them from being misled by quarters out to destroy the country," he told reporters after meeting Umno veterans in Pasir Puteh Division, here.

Ghafar, a former deputy prime minister, said Umno veterans would also pledge undivided support to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his efforts to overcome the economic problem facing the country.

"Dr Mahathir must continue to be Prime Minister if he still wishes so and we must give our support to him because he understands the country's financial position and broad-minded," he said.

Ghafar said the club would continue to help the country in various aspects although there were quarters trying to foil their efforts.

Meanwhile, former Umno Youth leader Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Thamby Chik who was also present at the function said the setting up of the club provided veterans with the opportunity to work together on the same platform with others to strengthen the party and country.

"This will increase Umno's overall strength further at the central, state, division and grassroot level," he said.

Some 300 Umno veterans were present at the function.

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