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MALAYSIA NEEDS DR MAHATHIR TO MAINTAIN RACIAL UNITY- HAMID

TANAH MERAH, Kelantan, Oct 18 (Bernama) -- Malaysia still needs the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir to ensure racial unity in the country, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman said today.

Dr Mahathir's continued leadership of the country was also necessary to revive the economy and retain the understanding among component parties of the ruling Barisan Nasional, he said.

"The Prime Minister cannot desert the country now and his wide experience is very necessary," he said after presiding at an information campaign organised by the Tanah Merah Umno Division.

On the suggestion by former Deputy Prime Minister Tun Ghafar Baba that the post of Umno deputy president be abolished and instead the number of elected vice president posts be increased to five from the present three, Abdul Hamid said a study would have to be made to study its pros and cons.

He said Tun Ghafar was making the proposal from his long experience in Umno.

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