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PEOPLE TOLD TO GIVE SUPPORT TO REHABILITATE ECONOMY

KUALA LUMPUR, June 19 (Bernama) -- Leaders of Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties today invited the people to take cognizance of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's speech at the 52nd Umno General Assembly and support him in efforts to rehabilitate the country's economy.

If the people refused to help, all efforts carried out by the government would be in vain and it was also not the time to point fingers at others, they said.

MCA President Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said Dr Mahathir had gone to great length to explain what financial speculators did in jeopardising economic stability in East Asian countries.

If the activities of this group were left unchecked, all efforts under the New Economic Policy (NEP) would fail, he said.

"For the sake of the country, Malaysians must work together with the government in overcoming the problem," said Ling who is also Transport Minister when asked to comment on Dr Mahathir's speech at the opening of the general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), here.

MIC President Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said the people should be supportive and have confidence in measures undertaken by Dr Mahathir in rehabilitating the country's economy.

He said they should protect the country and not to become agents of destructive elements.

"The PM has underlined several guidelines in administrating the country, not in manners submissive to wishes of others," said the Works Minister.

Sabah Chief Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok said the people should not doubted efforts carried out by the government in ensuring that all communities received their fair share of the economy.

Dompok, who is also Parti Demokratik Sabah President, said the people should heed Dr Mahathir's call for them to remain united and give their full confidence in the government in overcoming the economic downturn.

Gerakan President Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said it was not the time to point fingers at others, using negative words like cronyism and nepotism.

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