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70,000 MALAYSIANS PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR COUNTRY AND LEADERSHIP

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 13 (Bernama) -- Seventy thousand Malaysians, including Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, have pledged their allegiance to the country and its leadership in a campaign launched by Barisan Nasional Youth.

"Are we willing to hand over this responsibility (of administering the country) to the colonial masters again," wrote the prime minister as he signed the message book.

The signatures and messages of the 70,000 people were displayed at the Putra World Trade Centre here today in conjunction with the Special Umno General Assembly held there.

"Based on this encouraging response, we will carry on with the campaign. The people can place their signatures and messages in support of the country's leadership and opposing foreign interference," BN Youth secretary Zulkifli Alwi told Bernama.

Among those who have signed their names are Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and Special Functions Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin.

The prime minister's wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, is also among the 70,000 patriotic Malaysians.

Zulkifli said the signatures and messages would be handed over to Dr Mahathir through Information Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Rahmat, who has launched a similar campaign called Outpouring of Feelings for Malaysia.

"We will hand over all the signatures to the prime minister after Hari Raya Puasa, and those who wish to pledge their support can continue to do so," he said.

Zulkifli also said people could also continue to call the 03-4441199 hotline, set up by the BN Youth for Malaysians to express their views over US Vice President Al Gore's recent statement about the country, during office hours.

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