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PM `has good grassroots support'

JOHOR Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said feedback from Umno members at the grass roots level in the State indicated full support for the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said based on this feedback, he was confident that there would be no problem from the State's party members in the upcoming Umno elections despite the present "political situation".

"We are quite satisfied with the state of unity among Umno members in Johor," he said.

He said this when asked about widespread talks of the possibility of a split among party members caused by the so-called "reformasi" movement.

Abdul Ghani who is also a supreme council member, was speaking to the New Straits Times after the end of the Umno extraordinary meeting yesterday.

Commenting on Dr Mahathir's opening and winding-up speeches, he said the party president's call on Umno members to unite against external influences was timely due to the clear attempts by foreigners to meddle in the country's internal affairs.

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