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PULAU PINANG BN FULLY SUPPORTS PRIME MINISTER

PULAU PINANG, Sept 13 (Bernama) -- Pulau Pinang Barisan Nasional (BN) today declared full support and confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his efforts to overcome the economic and political challenges facing the country.

"Dr Mahathir has proven to be a leader with foresight, commitment and dedication, qualities which have made Malaysians confident in his leadership that the country will not only head towards economic recovery but also achieve its vision," Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon told reporters after chairing meeting of the Pulau Pinang BN, here.

He said state BN component parties should be united in their stand and supported fully the national leadership in tackling the economic problem.

In this respect, they should set aside their differences and not to be influenced by any quarters attempting to create disunity among the people, he said.

On the dismissal of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from the government, Koh said the state BN supported Dr Mahathir's decision.

"We believe that the Prime Minister has strong reasons in doing so after giving due consideration and conducting investigation. The country's economic recovery, national unity and people's well-being are issues of utmost importance now," he said.

On the presence of a member of the State Executive Council at Anwar's gathering at Cherok To' Kun yesterday, Koh said the Exco member told him he was there only for a short while to greet Anwar as a friend.

He said the Exco member was on his way to meet local leaders in a nearby area and decided to stop over to see Anwar.

It had nothing to do with politics or the state government, he said.

"If I were to meet Anwar at the airport, I would have done the same thing," he said.

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