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SABAH UMNO PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR MAHATHIR

KOTA KINABALU, Aug 15 (Bernama) -- Sabah Umno today pledged undivided support for Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's stewardship of the party and the country as Prime Minister.

State Umno liaison chief Datuk Osu Sukam said Dr Mahathir's leadership has not only benefited the country and Malaysians but also provided the government with the strength to deal with arising problems.

"Datuk Seri, please proceed with accomplishing the still unfinished tasks. We'll remain solidly behind you Datuk Seri," said Osu when making the pledge before the prime minister at a meet-the-people rally here.

He reminded Umno members of their responsibility to continue supporting Dr Mahathir, who they had chosen to lead the party.

"This is a matter of principle. We don't choose a leader as party president only to usurp him later. This is an act of insincerity to Dr Mahathir, the party and country," Osu said at the hour-long rally attended by 10,000 people at the Likas sports complex multi-purpose hall.

Osu, who is also Sabah deputy chief minister, said while it pledged support for Dr Mahathir, it did not mean that the state Umno was against the other party leaders.

"We're only against moves, if they is any, to bring down the leaders," he said.

Osu reminded party members to avoid creating factions within the party as such inclinations would only eventually split the party.

He said Umno members should uphold the culture of orderly power transition within the party, a practice which he said had contributed towards consolidating Umno.

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