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Selangor MB calls for a united front in handling issues

KLANG, Wed. - Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar today called on all Barisan Nasional Members of Parliament and State Assemblymen to stand united and handle all controversial issues raised by the public.

"It is crucial that all BN leaders irrespective of the component parties they come from, help in tackling controversial issues and problems raised by people instead of leaving them to the Federal and State Governments."

He said it was the responsibility of all BN leaders in Selangor to also go to their respective constituencies and resolve peoples' problems and look into the successful implementation of development projects in their areas.

"I want all MPs and State Assemblymen in Selangor to not only have close rapport among themselves but also with their grass roots, party branches and divisions," he said at the lunch held for him by the Selangor Backbenchers Club in conjunction with his one-year anniversary as Selangor Menteri Besar, at the Klang Executive Club today. Abu Hassan said for Barisan Nasional to get continued support from the people, it was important for its leaders to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to them by the government and the constituents.

"The general election is not far away and it's time everyone geared up for it," he said adding that it was also equally important that all Barisan leaders gave their support for its president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He also explained that he changed the portfolios of the State Executive Councillors because he wanted them to have more exposure in various fields and also not to burden "a handful" with the tasks of answering questions raised at State Assembly sittings.

"Only about four to five exco members answer questions in the State Assembly sittings because most of the questions raised were pertaining to infrastructure, environment, education, local government and religion. We want others to also participate in answering questions," he added.

Abu Hassan also took the opportunity to thank the Selangor Backbenchers Club, the State Exco, Selangor Umno Liaison body, Selangor Youth Council, Kuala Selangor MIC division and all Barisan component parties for supporting him as Menteri Besar.

"I am sure with the leaders and people's support, I will be able to successfully carry out the job entrusted to me by the Barisan leaders and also implement the development projects and realise the State's vision 2005," he added.

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