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STABLE POLITICAL SITUATION PROVES UMNO'S MATURITY - UMNO VETERAN

JOHOR BAHRU, Sept 18 (Bernama) -- Former Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Mustafa Abdul Jabar said today Malaysia's stable political and security situation following the removal of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from the Cabinet and Umno two weeks ago proved Umno's maturity under the leadership of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He was confident that Umno under the leadership of Dr Mahathir would be able to handle all forms of problems and difficulties that would arise.

"The peace and prosperity being enjoyed by all levels of society in this country are the fruits of Umno's untiring efforts," he said.

He said the people should not be alarmed or have misgivings about Dr Mahathir's move to dismiss Anwar but instead should give their full support to the Prime Minister.

"Dr Mahathir's call that Umno members hold solat hajat was sincere so that the truth will prevail," he said.

Mustafa, who is Chairman of the Farmers Organisation Authority (FAO), expressed solid support for Dr Mahathir on behalf of the more than 500,000 farmers throughout the country on his move to sack Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister.

"The FAO based its decision, taken at the 138th meeting of the board here today, on Islamic purity, nobility of the Malay race and sovereignty of the nation," he said.

The farmers apart from giving their solid support to Dr Mahathir also prayed that he would be preserved from all harm.

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