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## Steps to ensure continued support for Government

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Umno leaders will take measures to ensure that the people continue supporting the Government in resolving the current economic problems.

Expressing full confidence in party president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the Government, they believed the problems could be resolved amicably.

The leaders had given their full support to Dr Mahathir in handling the economic situation after a closed-door dialogue with him at the Putra World Trade Centre, yesterday.

The dialogue was to brief divisional leaders on the current economic situation, the steps taken to resolve them and why such measures were undertaken.

Umno Youth chief and Bagan Datoh Umno division chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said the Government had done everything possible to help restore the economy.

"I believe that the moves have been well received, particularly by the banking sector in the country," he said, adding that the Government had done almost everything that was suggested by the IMF.

However, he regretted that there were certain foreign fund managers who persisted in destroying investors' confidence in the country by discouraging them to invest in Malaysia.

Ahmad Zahid said the Youth movement was prepared to assemble Malaysian financial experts to hold an open dialogue with foreign fund managers.

In addition, the movement will organise an economic seminar on May 24 to outline 20 points for the Government to implement as part of efforts to restore the economy.

"From the explanation given by the Prime Minister, we believe the Government can handle the situation well," said Bentong Umno division chief Datuk Adnan Yaakob.

Most leaders, he said, welcomed the Government's measures to restore foreign investors' confidence in the economy.

"At the same time, we urge the people to understand the problems the country is facing and to give full support to the Government, particularly Dr Mahathir," he said.

Dr Mahathir, he said, armed with all the necessary information would be able to take appropriate action in tackling the economic problems.

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