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TENGGU RAZALEIGH SUPPORTS PM'S ACTIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept (Bernama) -- Gua Musang Member of Parliament Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah fully supports the move by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to sack Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister.

He said the action had to be taken in the interest of the people and to ensure national security and stability, after careful consideration by Dr Mahathir.

As an Umno member, Tengku Razaleigh said, he also supported the unanimous decision by the supreme council to expel Anwar from the party.

"I believe the decision was made based on deep consideration by the supreme council members to maintain the image and good name of Umno, which is the largest Muslim party and the backbone of the Malay struggle," he said in a statement, here, today.

He said the decision should not be disputed by any Umno member and should instead be given their fullest support.

Tengku Razaleigh said he believed that the events would not have any effect on the integrity of the Malaysian government and Umno led by Dr Mahathir.

"I am confident that with the full support of the people for him, the country's difficulties caused by the economic downturn today can be quickly resolved," he said.

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