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UMNO VETERANS CALL FOR SOLID SUPPORT TO DR MAHATHIR'S TEAM

KUALA LUMPUR, June 19 (Bernama) -- Several Umno veterans today called on party members to give full support to efforts undertaken by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's team in rehabilitating the economy to avoid recolonisation of the country by foreign powers.

They wanted Umno members to ensure that the current economic downturn would not lead to political instability as wanted to by foreign powers.

Former Deputy Prime Minister Tun Ghafar Baba said the country was aware of attempts by foreign powers to change its leaders with those who were willing to submit to their wishes as mentioned by Dr Mahathir in his speech.

"This is because former colonialists are not happy to see that their former colonies are doing better than them. They envy our success and are not sincere in wanting to help us," Ghafar who is also a former Umno deputy president told reporters after attending the opening of the 52nd Umno General Assembly by Dr Mahathir.

Another former Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Musa Hitam said Umno members should give priority among others to threat from outside which could split the party.

"At times like this, there will be those who want to take advantage of the situation to split the party. Umno members should be careful as the economic downturn could turn into political instability which could threaten Umno as the backbone to the government," he said.

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