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Undivided support for Dr M, Anwar

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Leaders of Barisan Nasional component parties have given their undivided support to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to lead the country out of the economic downturn.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today that they had also expressed support for Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Dr Ling, who is also Minister of Transport, said the focus of the BN supreme council meeting on Sunday was on the country's economy.

"There is unanimous support for Dr Mahathir, who is also BN chairman, and his Cabinet team to tackle problems facing the country," he told reporters after opening the National Conference on Ocean Governance organised by the Maritime Institute of Malaysia.

He said BN leaders were confident Dr Mahathir who had successfully led the country out of the recession in the mid-1980s, would be able to do it again.

On whether the nepotism and cronyism issue was raised at the meeting, Dr Ling said it was not discussed.

"What is important now is for the BN to ensure political stability, unity and cohesiveness in warding off attacks by the foreign media to destabilise or undermine the country politically and economically.

"Our unity and undivided support for Dr Mahathir, Anwar and Economic Adviser to the Government Tun Daim Zainuddin is a clear signal to the foreign media and publications not to meddle in our country's politics."

Dr Ling said foreign media and publications should "mind their own business". Malaysians had the right to choose their own leaders.

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