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CHINESE AND INDIANS WANT MALAY UNITY AND LEADERSHIP

PANTAI REMIS, Aug 1 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Chinese and Indians want Malays to be united as they are mindful that Malay unity and leadership are vital for the country's socio-economic and political stability.

Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said Chinese and Indians were watching with apprehension the constant attacks by the opposition on the government and the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to try and divide the Malays.

"This is dangerous politics especially in a multi-ethnic society like Malaysia," he told reporters after opening the operations room of the JKKK Pantai Remis here today.

"We all want peace and stability to ensure continued development for the country."

Dr Lim, the Primary Industries Minister, reminded Malaysians that the country's continued economic and political development was due to the strong and determined leadership of Dr Mahathir.

Unable to achieve their own political aspirations, he said the opposition was attacking Dr Mahathir and the government and trying all means to divide the Malays in an attempt to wrest political power from the Barisan Nasional (BN).

Since the general elections from even before independence, the Chinese and Indians recognise the need for a strong Umno to provide the leadership to carry out development plans.

"The Chinese and Indians are solidly behind the BN, nonetheless, we need a strong Malay leadership to take the country successfully into the new millennium," he said.

Political stability among the Malays was also crucial in attracting both domestic and foreign investment so as to ensure continued socio-economic development in the country, he said.

Turning to the economy, Dr Lim said contrary to what the opposition claimed, "Malaysia has come out of the recession and we are well on the way to recovery".

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