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INDIAN RESTAURANT OWNERS ENDORSE BARISAN NASIONAL

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 18 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Indian Restaurant Owners Association and The Malaysian Indian Muslim Restaurant Owners Association have declared their full support for the MIC and the Barisan Nasional in this general election.

President of the Malaysian Indian Restaurant Owners Association Ramalingam Pillay said that under the able leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the economy has picked up at a faster pace and the people were enjoying continuous peace and stability.

"We want this BN government to continue. We are grateful to the government for helping us solve many problems amicably like the problem of labour shortage," he told Bernama here.

Ramalingam said the association had distributed BN flags and banners to all its 8,000 members throughout the country to be hoisted at their premises.

"These flags indicate our support for and loyalty to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the BN. Only the BN can realise the aspirations of all the races in the country," he said.

President of the Malaysian Indian Muslim Restaurant Owners Association Jamarulkhan Kadir said that the BN government had handled the country's economic revival well to the extent that Malaysia was able to recover much faster from the Asian financial and economic crisis.

"The BN government under Dr Mahathir has defended our dignity and brought confidence to all of us," he said.

Jamarulkhan also said that selective capital controls and other economic measures taken by the government had brought down the interest rates and these had helped the business community a lot, especially to get bank loans more easily.

"The BN government has ensured continued stability. We are afraid that if there is any political change in the country, there will be no more stability," he said.

Formed in 1992, the association has some 1,200 members.

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