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MAHATHIR PRAISES ROLE OF BN LEADERS' WIVES

JOHOR BAHRU, Aug 28 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today stressed the importance of wives of Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders maintaining close ties among themselves so that they can exchange views on various issues.

Such views could be used as a guide to help their husbands discharge their duties, the Prime Minister said when closing the Premier Cup badminton championship here.

"Behind the success of every man is a woman," he said, citing his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali as an example.

Siti Hasmah, the Bakti president, took part in the four-day tournament involving wives of Menteris Besar, Chief Ministers, Ministers and Deputy Ministers.

Dr Mahathir said the badminton tournament was one of the avenues for the wives of leaders to interact for their mutual interests and those of the country.

Dr Mahathir said if leaders at the state and federal levels could meet to enhance their rapport, their wives could also do so through various means.

The Prime Minister said he was happy to see the wives of former leaders joining the tournament as this was a healthy development.

"My hope is that such unity can be preserved," he said.

The Sabah team won the tournament.

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