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MUTUAL TRUST THE PILLAR OF BN

KUALA TERENGGANU, June 4 (Bernama) -- The camaraderie in Barisan Nasional (BN) has created mutual trust among the component parties and enabled them to accept each other's principles of struggle, an MCA leader said today.

MCA deputy secretary-general Datuk Wong See Wah said it was because of this that the country had produced four Prime Ministers, including Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, whose leadership had enhanced the status of the multi-racial country.

"MCA never doubts the leadership of these four statesmen who have brought progress to the country," he told reporters when commenting on PAS spiritual adviser Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat's statement that MCA and MIC were "walking sticks" of Umno.

He said Nik Aziz seemed to be ridiculing the camaraderie in BN when the party itself could not forge such a spirit among opposition parties.

Wong, who is Deputy Finance Minister, said the Chinese community rejected PAS because of its narrow political struggle.

He said opposition parties could not form a genuine coalition because they lacked cohesion.

He believed MCA members would not be influenced by opposition tactics because they love stability and harmony in the party and the country.

Unity was strong in the MCA, and its members were always committed to the BN, he said.

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