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Osman reappointed as PM's representative

JITRA, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today reappointed Tan Sri Osman Aroff as his personal representative in Kubang Pasu.

He made the announcement in his address to some 5,000 Barisan Nasional party workers and their families at a thanksgiving lunch at Institut Perguruan Darul Aman.

"I am thankful that I have been chosen again and will carry out my duties as a wakil rakyat in Kubang Pasu. But as you are aware, other duties often stop me from visiting Kubang Pasu.

"Therefore, I need the help and support ... and I hope Tan Sri Osman Aroff is not reluctant to continue his duties as my special representative," he said.

Thanking Osman for his dedication as Kubang Pasu BN election director, Dr Mahathir said Osman had worked very hard night and day.

"Although he had help from BN supporters, many times he had to shoulder all the responsibilities by himself when there were problems to face.

"At times it seemed his burden was a very heavy one.

"I am very thankful to him and to all who helped in the campaign," he said.

Osman was appointed as the Prime Minister's personal representative in Kubang Pasu on Feb 24. He took over the position from Kubang Pasu Umno division executive secretary Saad Hashim.

Earlier, Osman in his welcoming speech called on Umno members to close ranks and ensure they were strongly united.

He said Dr Mahathir alone could not be expected to handle the problem of unity within Umno.

Osman also urged all successful candidates in the recently-concluded elections to be service-minded.

"Previously, you (new wakil rakyat) were behind the scenes and could comment and criticise

"But now being in the forefront, you must realise that it is your duty to solve the people's problems," he said.

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