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SERVICEMEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS APPRECIATED, SAYS MAHATHIR

JITRA, Nov 28 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the government will do its level best to defend the welfare of ex-servicemen.

This included providing appropriate pre-retirement courses to armed forces personnel, said the prime minister.

"Servicemen are prepared to scarifice everything including their lives to defend the nation," he said at a meeting with the Northern Region Ex-Servicemen Association here.

Dr Mahathir said the government appreciated the contribution of former servicemen as without them there would be no peace in the country and development could not be carried out.

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