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Umno-Debate (Support)

UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR DR MAHATHIR TO CONTINUE LEADING UMNO

KUALA LUMPUR, June 19 (Bernama) -- Some 2,000 delegates to the Umno general assembly today gave their unanimous support to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to continue leading the party.

A delegate from Perak, Datuk Ramly Zahari, had earlier sought the permission of party permanent chairman Tan Sri Sulaiman Ninam Shah to conduct a poll by a show of hands if there were delegates who wanted Dr Mahathir to withdraw.

In the poll, one delegate did raise his hand but it was later confirmed by the permanent chairman that the delegate did so by mistake and that he did not want Dr Mahathir, who is party president, to withdraw.

Following the unanimous support obtained, Ramly called for Dr Mahathir to continue to lead the party and that the members would stay the ever loyal fighters.

"Our love for the party president is incomparable," he said in debating the motion on the party president's policy address at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

Ramly said all groups, especially the Malays and Muslims, still need the leadership of Dr Mahathir in nation building.

"This is more so as we step into the 21st Century with its many challenges," he said to loud applause from the delegates.

"Here, I would like to advise the party president not to voice the intention to withdraw as it only caused us to worry."

He added that those who wanted Dr Mahathir to withdraw were only eyeing the Prime Minister's post.

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