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MALAYSIA NEEDS DR MAHATHIR'S CONTINUED LEADERSHIP- DPM

SETIU, Terengganu, Oct 7 (Bernama) -- Malaysia needs Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's continued leadership to ensure that it remained strong and progressive, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

He said the Prime Minister had worked hard to bring about the development of the country and the race and hence he needed the full support of all Malaysians.

The Deputy Prime Minister said this when asked to comment on news reports from London, quoting Dr Mahathir as saying that he would continue to work hard to ensure Umno received the support of the young generation.

The Prime Minister had said that he wanted to see Umno emerge strong with the solid support of the young generation before stepping down in favour of his deputy.

Abdullah was speaking to reporters after chairing the Terengganu Umno Liaison Committee meeting here.

He said every Umno member should also play his respective role to strengthen the party.

"The Umno President is playing a big role in this and we welcome this role," he added.

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