

Party gets support from all races: PM

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MALACCA, Mon: The Umno-led Barisan Nasional coalition continues to get support not only from the Malays but also from the other races in the country who want to see the party remain a viable force leading the country in the future.

Party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the success of Umno has not been dependent on Malay support alone.

"That is why Umno needs to continue its struggle because it is still needed by the country, as seen from the strong support coming from the *rakyat*, not just from the Malays," he said.

"Therefore, Umno must not weaken but continue its struggle to fulfil its promises to the people, for the betterment of the country," he said.

In light of the new set of challenges ahead, Mahathir said Umno must tap the

younger generation for future frontline leaders, with party senior members also playing a role.

"What is needed is joint effort between the old and the young so that the experience of the former can be used by the younger generation to continue the party's struggle," he added.

Although Mahathir acknowledged that senior party members must one day make way for younger leaders, their contributions must not be forgotten.

Meanwhile, in his speech, Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohamad Ali Rustam said apart from being the party's administrative centre, Graha Umno will also be the state Barisan Nasional (BN) centre.

He also noted that 500 grievances, out of the estimated 700 complaints, have been received by the state BN's Public Complaints Centre.