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DR MAHATHIR DEFINITELY HAS BROUGHT MUCH PROGRESS, SAYS HADI

TASIK KENYIR, July 17 (Bernama) -- PAS acknowledges that Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir has brought much progress to the country during his 20 years in office as Prime Minister, said PAS deputy president Abdul Hadi Awang today.

"There is progress in terms of facilities to the people and IT (information technology). That we cannot deny and we too have benefited from it.

"Our salute also for democracy still prevails in this country...election continues to be held which we have also taken part in," he told reporters here.

As of yesterday, Dr Mahathir has been 20 years in office as the country's Prime Minister.

Abdul Hadi, who is also Terengganu Menteri Besar, however said that after 40 years of independence the people should be allowed more freedom of expression.

In KUALA LUMPUR, a former finance minister, Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah paid tribute to Dr Mahathir for his services to the country and the people over the past 20 years.

He said Dr Mahathir had done much especially to the Malays in instilling self-confidence in them.

"He promotes racial harmony and brings political and economic stability to the country," he told reporters.

Tengku Razaleigh hoped that Dr Mahathir would come out with ideas in meeting the demand of the present society.

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