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DR MAHATHIR ADVISES MCA MEMBERS TO MAINTAIN PARTY HARMONY

KUALA LUMPUR, June 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today advised MCA members to always maintain party harmony by giving priority to the interests of the party and the Barisan Nasional (BN).

If MCA was damaged, it would have an impact on the ruling BN, said Dr Mahathir, who is also BN chairman.

"We all have problems, Umno also has problems, all parties have problems, we solve the problems," he told reporters when asked to comment on the problems in MCA following the buyover of Nanyang Press Holdings Bhd.

The purchase of Nanyang Press Holdings shares for RM230 million by Huaren Holdings Sdn Bhd, MCA's investment arm, had sparked protest among party members, including several top leaders, and the Chinese community.

MCA deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek, two party vice-presidents Datuk Chua Jui Meng and Datuk Chan Kong Choy and Youth chief Datuk Ong Tee Keat are among the party leaders opposing the purchase.

Nanyang Press Holdings publishes two leading Chinese dailies -- Nanyang Siang Pau and China Press.

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