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BBC HANDS IN MEMOS BACKING UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL, BN STAND

KUALA LUMPUR, June 26 (Bernama) -- The Backbenchers' Club today handed two memorandums to Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, pledging full support to the stand taken by the Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN) supreme councils with regard to the resignation of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad from government and party posts.

The memorandums were handed by BBC Chairman Datuk Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis at Parliament House.

The club said it was touched and valued Dr Mahathir's decision to continue helming the government until October next year.

"The move showed Dr Mahathir has placed the interests of the party and the people above his and his family," he said when reading out the contents of the memorandum.

The memorandum, signed by about 70 Members of Parliament, also expressed shock over Dr Mahathir's sudden decision to retire as "we never thought he will resign at this moment."

The memorandum also supported Dr Mahathir's decision to name Abdullah as his chosen successor and expressed confidence the latter could propel Malaysia to greater heights.

The second memorandum commended Abdullah for "cooling down" the chaotic situation on the final day of the Umno General Assembly on Saturday when Dr Mahathir made the shocking announcement of his resignation.

Abdullah later attended a "yassin and tahlil" prayer session for the late PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor who died on Sunday.

The 65-year-old Fadzil, who was MP for Pendang, was also parliamentary opposition leader.

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