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UMNO STRONG DUE TO SUPPORT OF RURAL AND URBAN MALAYS

KUALA LUMPUR, May 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Umno is strong due to the support of the Malays, both in the rural and the urban areas.

He said that for this reason, Umno had weathered all general elections in the past.

"In Kuala Lumpur Federal Territory, Umno has never lost a seat it contested. If not for the support of the urban Malays, surely Umno will not be able to take root in Kuala Lumpur," he said in the souvenir programme of the Federal Territory Umno convention here today.

Dr Mahathir said undeniably Umno has become the umbrella for the Malays and the platform for the people to present their grievances and claims for better standard of living.

"The urban Malays such as those in Kuala Lumpur have never been forgotten by Umno because wherever they are, their interest must be safeguarded," he said.

"Umno members whether in the villages, towns or cities are all the same. To Umno, all party members are loyal and uphold the Umno's struggle for the betterment of the people...our objective is one, one struggle is one," said Dr Mahathir, who is Umno President.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in his message said the rapid development in Kuala Lumpur brought significant changes to the life of the urban Malays.

He urged Federal Territory Umno leaders to take time to meet the urban Malays and help to resolve their problems.

Abdullah, who is also Umno deputy president, opened the one-day convention to discuss and resolve problems of urban Malays.

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