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Dr M hopes IPF will continue to back BN

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has expressed the hope that the Indian Progressive Front (IPF) will continue to support the Barisan Nasional (BN) in the ruling coalition's efforts to bring greater progress and development to the country.

"Although the IPF is not a BN component party, the spirit and dedication of IPF members and leaders in supporting the BN are very commendable and much appreciated," the Prime Minister said in his message in the souvenir programme of the 10th IPF general assembly here.

Dr Mahathir said the IPF's gesture showed that the party appreciated the BN's success in administering the country and was thankful for the good life Malaysians were enjoying.

"Not many parties outside the BN could appreciate (BN's efforts) and take a positive attitude to support the BN like what the IPF is doing," he said.

"It cannot be denied that the IPF has helped a lot in BN's success in the general elections or by-elections, through the involvement of its members in campaigning," said Dr Mahathir, who is the BN chairman.

IPF had applied to join the BN several times but has been unsuccessful.

Any party wishing to join the coalition must have the blessings of all component parties.