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KUBANG PASU UMNO DIVISION SUPPORTS ABDULLAH

KUALA LUMPUR, June 27 (Bernama) -- The Kubang Pasu Umno division today expressed support for Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to lead the party and government when Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad retires in October next year.

Datuk Mohd Johari Baharum, the division's vice chief, said the decision was made at a special meeting of the division committee chaired by him in Jitra, Kedah.

"Kubang Pasu Umno unanimously agreed to give full support to the Prime Minister's decision to choose Pak Lah to lead the party and government," he said when contacted by Bernama.

He said the division, which is led by Dr Mahathir, was of the view that the Prime Minister had made a good decision as he was an experienced and wise person.

"We are sad to lose Dr Mahathir as our leader but we accept and respect his decision," he said.

Mohd Johari hoped Umno members, especially in Kubang Pasu, would stay calm and accept the decision.

"We will be most grateful if Dr Mahathir is willing to stay on as the Kubang Pasu (Umno) division chief and member of parliament," he added.

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