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MAHATHIR SHOULD NOT RESIGN, SAYS SARAWAK DAP CHIEF

SIBU, June 23 (Bernama) -- Sarawak DAP chairman Wong Ho Leng says it is not appropriate for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammed to resign from his party and government posts now.

Wong said as the leader of the nation, Dr Mahathir had done a very good job so far.

"Mahathir should focus on how to bring the country forward to new and greater heights instead of talking about resigning," he said when met here today.

Wong was reacting to Dr Mahathir's stunning announcement of his resignation from all Umno and Barisan Nasional posts, at the Umno General Assembly in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

The Umno president and BN chairman, however, retracted his resignations later following appeals from Umno leaders.

Wong said Dr Mahathir was not only a leader for Malaysia but also for all Third World countries.

"He has made his name very well known in the international arena....he has done a fine job for Malaysia and so personally I believe for the time being he should remain," said the DAP leader.

Wong said that although Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had been mentioned a number of times as Dr Mahathir's eventual successor, he was probably not ready to take over the helm of the country yet.

He added that it would be more appropriate for Dr Mahathir to announce his resignation in Parliament instead of the Umno General Assembly.

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