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Well done, Hadi praises Mahathir

KUALA TERENGGANU: The prime minister's efforts in developing the country and improving the standards of Malays received endorsement from an unlikely party

PAS Acting President Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang acknowledged yesterday that Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has succeeded in bringing changes to the country and the Malays.

He went further by saying that PAS will support these efforts, not only to

help the Malays, but also other races who are lagging behind.

Hadi said Mahathir's successor must also follow suit to ensure that other races are not left behind.

He said although he had frequently criticised what the prime minister had done, it could not be denied that Mahathir had carried out several reforms that had not been done by previous leaders.

"I feel that although I criticise him and don't agree with some matters

(that Mahathir had done), there are several reforms that Mahathir had carried out that were not done by previous Umno leaders," Hadi said.

He also agreed with the measures taken by Mahathir during the 1997 economic crisis to reject aid from the International Monetary Fund.

Hadi said this had indirectly rejected interference by the financial organisation, which was controlled by foreign powers, in the country's financial system.