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Abdullah-Mahathir

HEED DR MAHATHIR'S ADVICE, PAK LAH TELLS M'SIANS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 19 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Umno members and leaders must heed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's advice to preserve party unity and the country's strength.

"I'm happy the delegates received the Prime Minister's speech very well. They applauded when he made his points and when he explained how important strength and unity are to Umno and the country," the Deputy Prime Minister said in response to Dr Mahathir's keynote address at the 54th Umno General Assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here today.

Abdullah hoped the members would be moved by the pleas of a leader who had done so much for the Malays and the country.

He said Dr Mahathir's speech touched on many significant achievements by the country and highlighted certain challenges either at global, domestic or at party level.

"If we want to build upon our success and do more, we have to understand what we are up to," he said.

Abdullah said Dr Mahathir had accomplished a lot and had made Malaysians proud.

He had turned the country into a successful developing nation.

"We have to manage the success achieved thus far as well face up to the dangers and challenges that Dr Mahathir have outlined.

"The biggest challenge for us is to manage the success if we want to continue to do well," he added.

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