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JOHOR STRENGTHENS SOLIDARITY AS PROOF OF SUPPORT FOR ABDULLAH

BATU PAHAT, Nov 1 (Bernama) - Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said the Johor Barisan Nasional (BN) would further strengthen the existing solidarity to give meaningful support to the leadership of fifth Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

He said BN as well as UMNO and all the people of Johor placed full confidence in Abdullah's capability to bring further development to the country.

"On behalf of the people of Johor, I congratulate Pak Lah (Abdullah) on his appointment which will bring Malaysia, particularly Johor, to a new era of more rapid progress and development," he said in his first reaction to the leadership change from Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Abdullah yesterday.

Speaking to reporters here after launching the promotion of Bazar Ramadhan at the state level at Batu Pahat Walk (BP Walk), the Menteri Besar said he hoped the stronger solidarity would enable BN to retain the 100 per cent Parliamentary and State Assembly seats in the next general election.

Regarding the BP Walk which was built at a cost of RM4.5 million, Abdul Ghani said it would further encourage tourism activities in the town which was the second biggest in Johor.

He said the Bazar Ramadhan promotions launched today were participated by more than 6,000 stalls throughout the state which offered not only food for breaking fast but also clothes and decorations for the Hari Raya celebrations soon.

The Menteri Besar also thanked TV3 for its cooperation in promoting the Bazar Ramadhan here.

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