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Sarawak-Lun Bawang

LUN BAWANG COMMUNITY BACKS PM

KUCHING, Nov 6 (Bernama) -- Sarawak's Lun Bawang community today pledged its full support for the new Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"The community has full confidence in Abdullah's leadership and trusts his consistently open attitude and moderate and fair leadership which will help steer the country to greater heights of socio-economic development," the President of the Sarawak Lun Bawang National Association (SLBNA), William Ghani Bina, told Bernama.

Ghani called on the community to give its continued support to the State Barisan Nasional (BN) in the forthcoming Parliamentary elections which may be called early next year.

He said the reason for supporting the BN was obvious as a victory for the BN would ensure continued development for Malaysia.

The Lun Bawang heartland in Limbang and Lawas, in the northern region of the State, is well known for the organic free home-grown Ba'Kelalan apples and hill padi farming.

Ghani, who is also Sarawak's Labour Council President, said under Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's 22 years of Premiership, the country had reached an excellent level of expansion and development.

He urged the Lun Bawang intellectual and professionals to rally their support behind the BN to safeguard the country's prevailing peace, harmony and economic prosperity.

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