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Assembly-Motion (Mahathir)

NEGERI SEMBILAN, JOHOR SAY THANK YOU TO DR MAHATHIR

JOHOR BAHRU, Nov 8 (Bernama) -- The Negeri Sembilan and Johor state assemblies which convened for their budget sessions today approved motions thanking former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his immense contributions to the country during his 22 years as Prime Minister.

Both the assemblies also recorded their congratulations and full support for new Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The motion in the Negeri Sembilan State Assembly was proposed by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad (BN-Linggi) and was seconded by Datuk Dr Yeow Chai Thiam (BN-Lukut) and Datuk T.Rajagopalu (BN-Jeram Padang).

Earlier the Yang di-Pertuan Besar Tuanku Ja'afar ibni Almarhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman opened the state assembly budget sitting.

In tabling the motion, Mohamed Isa expressed thanks and highest appreciation to Dr Mahathir for bringing Malaysia to a level of excellence in all fields.

He said Malaysia was fortunate to have had such a wise leader.

He said all Malaysians were indebted to the former Prime Minister and his leadership and work skills should be emulated by all.

The Menteri Besar on behalf of the government and people of Negeri Sembilan congratulated new Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and pledged the state government's full support and cooperation.

The Negeri Sembilan State Assembly will sit again on Monday.

Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said the government and people of Johor were indebted forever to Dr Mahathir, an illustrious statesman.

Tun Dr Mahathir had restored the dignity of the race achieving one success after another, he said.

Dr Mahathir stepped down on Oct 31 and was succeeded by Datuk Seri Abdullah.

Abdul Ghani said the Johor State Assembly also recorded its highest appreciation to Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and all members of the family for their big sacrifice "in loaning Dr Mahathir" to Malaysia during the period.

The Johor State Assembly expressed "selamat bertugas" to Abdullah.

"I wish to place on record the confidence of the entire people of Johor in the leadership of Abdullah, who is rich in experience and wisdom and an exemplary ..." he said.

"Our solid support for Abdullah will be translated into a 100 per cent victory for the Barisan Nasional in Johor in the general election," Abdul Ghani added.

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