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REMARK SHOWS PM HAS PARTY INTEREST AT HEART

KOTA KINABALU, Jan 27 (Bernama) -- Sabah Umno Deputy Chief Datuk Salleh Tun Said said today the remark by the Prime Minister on the need for long standing leaders to step down exemplifies the need for members to put the party interest above self.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday that his chosen successor Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi should be given the chance "to rearrange everything" and form his own line-up for the next general election.

Salleh, who is Sabah Local Government and Housing Minister, said that the Prime Minister's view also showed that he always had the interest of the party and country at heart.

"Of course, it will be prudent for us to have a good mix of young and vibrant leaders as well as the senior and experienced ones," he added.

Sabah Umno Information Chief Datuk Abdul Rahim Ismail said the Prime Minister's statement was in line with his philosophy of ensuring orderly and smooth power transfer.

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