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Assembly-Selangor (Motion)

SELANGOR EXPRESSES THANKS TUN DR MAHATHIR AND SUPPORT TO ABDULLAH

SHAH ALAM, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- The Selangor state legislative assembly today thanked former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his services to the country and also pledged full support to his successor, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The motion was tabled by Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo.

"The escalating growth and emergence of new growth sectors such as knowledge-based economy and small and medium industries experienced by Selangor are all due to the political and economic stability resulting from the pragmatic policy of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he said when tabling the motion.

Dr Khir said the state government would also support the approach taken by Abdullah to reduce red tape, improve delivery system, improve quality of service and create a corrupt-free civil service.

"Selangor will give solid support to Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in continuing the recipe for success founded by Tun Dr Mahathir for greater excellence," he said.

The legislative assembly also nominated Datuk Ikhwan Salim Sujak and Wilson Sagamani A/L Paul Devasagayam to succeed Datuk Ghazi @ Hasbullah Ramli and Kee Ah Kau respectively as Senators for a three-year term. Ghazi's and Kee's terms ended last Aug 7.

Ikhwan Salim's nomination was proposed by Datuk Mohd Sharif Jajang (BN-Dengkil) while Wilson Sagamani's by Datuk K.Sivalingam (BN-Ijok).

Ikhwan Salim is a Petaling Jaya businessman and directors of several companies, including Konsortium Jaringan Selangor Sdn Bhd, Pesaka Astana Sdn Bhd, Glomac Bhd, Kumpulan Perangsang Selangor Bhd and Ayer Hitam Tin Dredging Malaysia Sdn Bhd. This Petaling Jaya councillor is also Petaling Jaya Utara Umno divisional chief and Damansara Jaya Umno branch chief.

Wilson Sagamani meanwhile is a businessman who also Ampang Jaya councillor. He is Ampang Jaya MIC Chief, Ampang Jaya Barisan Nasional (BN) deputy director and Kampung Berembang MIC branch Chief.

Speaker Datuk Seri Onn Ismail later adjourned the sitting sine die.

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