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Umno-Winding (Muhammad)

SOLID SUPPORT WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR ABDULLAH TO LEAD

KUALA LUMPUR, June 21 (Bernama) -- The undivided support and confidence for the leadership of Abdullah as the next Prime Minister and Umno President will enable him to provide the continuity for an excellent leadership of the Malays and country.

Umno Vice-President Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib said the support and confidence in Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad which would be transferred to his successor would allow Abdullah to pursue Umno's struggles more effectively.

"I promise, as stated by my friend Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (Umno Vice-President) will continue to support Umno and be loyal to Umno under the leadership of Pak Lah who will take over the party's reins.

"I also promise to support Pak Lah's leadership in any decision, whether in the party or in the government" he said when winding up the debate at the 54th Umno General Assembly which ended here today.

He believed that under Abdullah's leadership, Malaysia would continue to surge towards becoming a developed nation.

Muhammad urged Umno heirs to continue the excellence of the party struggles by Umno's forefathers and emulate their principles and values which were an asset to the party.

"Let's strengthen this party we love. A strong party will give birth to a strong and stable country, able to enhance the status of the Malays and nation," he said.

He said Umno had succeeded in unifying the Malays and they must remain united in the interests of the race and country.

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