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Musa-Challenges

MUSA HITAM CITES THREE CHALLENGES FOR LEADERS IN DEVELOPING MALAYSIA

BANGI, July 1 (Bernama) -- Former Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Musa

Hitam today listed three important challenges that needed to be overcome by a leader in developing a country -- continuing the struggle, identifying the good and bad aspects of the leadership and ensuring solid support from the rakyat.

"If the three challenges are conquered, then no matter who the leader is or how the political situation is like, we would be able to continue the country's developing process, God willing," he said.

He was speaking during the question and answer session after presenting his lecture entitled "20 Years with Mahathir" at the EPF Social Security Training Institute, which was the first of a series of lectures organised by the Institute of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's Thoughts.

The lectures featured anecdotes students could derive lessons and examples from, based on the experiences of famous leaders like former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir.

Musa said a leader like Dr Mahathir was irreplaceable.

"In my opinion, whether or not we still need a leader like Tun, whether we like it or not - we won't have another leader like him. There will never be another Mahathir in the country," he said.

He said Mahathir played his role as a leader well and brought about remarkable progress and development to the country during the 22 years of his service.

However, he said, each leader had his own style and unique way of governing.

Referring to the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Musa said every leader had a different approach and change was something good for the country.

Musa, who was Dr Mahathir's first deputy minister, admitted the

latter
was a resolute leader but the quality was based on his "supreme
confidence".

"But it was also because of his resoluteness that many projects
were
launched in the country," he said.

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