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Dr M praises Najib's leadership

KULIM: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has praised the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak.

"I have met Najib several times since he took over leadership of the country and I am pleased with the way he leads," said Dr Mahathir, adding that he hoped Najib would continue the tradition of serving the people,

The former prime minister was speaking at a meet-the-people programme organised by the Padang Serai umno division and Yayasan Pembangunan Insan Pulau Pinang on Tuesday.

Dr Mahathir expressed confidence that the internal crises of several Barisan Nasional (BN)

component parties would be resolved before the 13th general election. He said the party leaders are aware that a swift resolution to their problems will ensure a BN win in the general election with a bigger majority, so leaders at loggerheads know they had no choice but to make up.

He said Malaysians should be grateful as development in various fields since the country gained independence 53 years ago had outdone other countries which became independent at the same time.

Mahathir's endorsement of Najib is unlike the many brickbats he threw at Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi during Abdullah's administration.