

**Kedah Mubarak Declares Full Support For Najib
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ALOR SETAR, April 12 (Bernama) -- The Kedah branch of the Malaysian Council of Former Elected Representatives (Mubarak) on Sunday declared its full support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's leadership.

Its president, Datuk Paduka Abdul Rahman Ibrahim, said Kedah Mubarak members would always support Najib's leadership in implementing transformation programmes to further develop the country.

"In this ever-challenging environment, all quarters should try to understand and give their support to the prime minister. Most importantly, all in the party should stay united to ensure that no one will be able to take advantage to create disputes," he told reporters here.

Abdul Rahman also said that he admired Najib's ability to stay calm under pressure, especially with the many questions and criticisms being hurled at him by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"He has answered all the questions, so it is hoped that the people will be satisfied with his explanation. He has indeed been able to handle all the criticisms well," he said.

In another development, Abdul Rahman said Kedah Mubarak lauded the motion to have the salary and allowance for state assemblymen be raised by 50 per cent and for Menteri Besar by 25 per cent.

The motion, which was tabled and passed by the State Assembly during the sitting last week, also proposed a raise in the pension for former assemblymen, former menteri besar, former State Assembly Speaker and Deputy Speaker, as well as former state executive councillors.

With the 50 per cent raise, Kedah assemblymen can now enjoy a monthly salary of RM6,169 each from RM4,112 previously.

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