

Melaka Mubarak Supports Najib's Leadership
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MELAKA, July 30 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Council of Former Elected Representatives (Mubarak) in Melaka today came out to pledge its full support to the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak as well as the new Cabinet in a recent reshuffle.

Acting Melaka Mubarak president Datuk Nazari Adzim said the change and approach taken by Najib was to strengthen further the leadership line-up in the endeavour towards achieving a developed nation status by 2020.

"We would like to congratulate the new Deputy Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi...we are confident his experience in various situations could assist Najib to overcome problems confronting the country," he told reporters at Mubarak's office here today.

Apart from that, Melaka Mubarak also expressed its appreciation to UMNO deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin on his decision to continue supporting the party leadership to strengthen UMNO.

"We really respect the decision made and we are confident if all party leaders could emulate him, UMNO will grow stronger in future...this is the best example of a leader," he said.

Meanwhile, Nazari said Mubarak hoped the state government would review the allowance of former elected representatives in the state.

He said currently the monthly pension of former elected representatives is RM3,000 and some did not receive any pension as they were not eligible due to their short length of service.

"So I am asking the state government to review the payment so that former elected representatives could receive as pension half of their allowance received during their tenure so that they do not fall below the poverty line," he said.

The Melaka State Legislative Assembly on Monday passed the Administrative and Legislative Assembly Member (Remuneration) 2015 Enactment, which saw the allowance of a state assemblyman increased by 12.5 per cent to RM9,000 a month effective from Jan 1.

The remuneration increase also affects 106 retired state assemblymen who will receive higher pension based on their years of service.

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