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ACTION OF LOCAL MILLIONAIRES WHO CRITICISE DR MAHATHIR REGRETTABLE

PULAU PINANG, Oct 13 (Bernama) -- The action of local millionaires and businessmen who criticise Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad following the fall of the ringgit is regrettable, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Fauzi Abdul Rahman said today.

Fauzi said some millionaires and corporate figures had criticised Dr Mahathir through the foreign media and claimed that the Prime Minister's statements against George Soros had further depreciated the ringgit.

He said that they had reaped a lot of profit and prosperity under Dr Mahathir's leadership and now they were ungrateful.

Fauzi, who was speaking to reporters after witnessing the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for technical training between Hitachi (M) Sdn Bhd and Balik Pulau Foundation here, said the criticism was baseless.

He called on the public to prove their loyalty by facing the problem calmly and improve the nation's productivity.

"We will be more respected when we handle the crisis on our own without the help of others," he said.

Earlier in his speech, Fauzi called on industrial firms in the country to develop land near their factories and construct hostels for their workers.

Fauzi said this would not only increase the companies' assets but help the government curb social problems among factory workers.

The MoU offers technical training at the Hitachi factory where trainees are selected by the Balik Pulau foundation. -- BERNAMA

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