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DAP: NEAC SHOULD INCLUDE ALL POLITICAL PARTIES AND GROUPS

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30 (Bernama) -- The proposed National Economic Action Council (NEAC) should be represented by all political parties and interest groups to make it a national unifying force to spearhead national economic recovery, Opposition leader Lim Kit Siang said today.

He also said there was an urgent need to rally and mobilise the people to tighten belts and take concerted action to address and overcome the current economic situation.

In a statement, Lim, who is also DAP secretary-general, said the NEAC's was first task was to restore confidence,

"The government should move away from the 'denial culture', denying that it is in anyway responsible for the national economic crisis by putting all the blame on international currency traders or external factor," he said.

He said the NEAC should identify the root causes of the national economic crisis including the local factors as well as to prescribe the bitter medicine.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad recently announced the formation of the NEAC to restore the country's economy which had been battered by the currency crisis and stock market fall also suffered by several other Southeast Asian and Asian countries. -- BERNAMA

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