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FORWARD IDEAS THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS, SAYS MAHATHIR

PULAU PINANG, Nov 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today advised the people to use proper channels provided by the government to voice their dissatisfaction with the administration.

The prime minister did not elaborate on the channels but reminded the people to be responsible in facing national economic problems now.

He said it was a source of pride for the government to see the people not resorting to irrational acts in the wake of currency and stock market setbacks.

The prime minister was speaking at a reception in conjunction with his one-day working visit to Pulau Pinang today.

He said so long as the people did not panic and refrained from acting irresponsibly, the government was confident it would not take long for the nation to recover from the current economic woes.

Dr Mahathir said given a disciplined and cooperative population it would be easier for the government to adopt a new approach to resolving the economic problems.

He said the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) endorsement of Malaysia's proposal for regulations in currency trading reflected world's recognition of the country's capacity to deal with the economic problems.

Dr Mahathir over time the people would come to terms with the need to regulate currency trading which did not benefit them at all except for certain parties.

At the reception, state political and corporate leaders and Barisan Nasional component party members pledged their support for Dr Mahathir's leadership.-- BERNAMA

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