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RINGGIT rose sharply higher yesterday after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mahamad's comment that the Government would take action against currency speculators.

The ringgit, which had fallen to 2.65-level to the US dollar earlier in the morning, rebounded sharply to close at 2.6385/15 compared to 2.6480/95 last Friday.

Dealers said the offshore players liquidated long dollar positions in favour of the ringgit on fears of action to be taken against currency speculators.

A dealer said he expected the ringgit to continue to track downwards today in cautious trade.

The ringgit also closed higher against the Singapore dollar to 1.7949/82 from 1.8023/46 last Friday, against the yen to 2.2522/58 from 2.2788/11 previously, against the Deutschemark to 1.4307/27 from 1.4454/54 and the pound sterling to 4.3675/51 from 4.4094/49 last Friday.

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